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COMMENT OF THE DAY

A New Party Policy

SOMETHING more than abstract figures is involved in the Peking announcement that the Chinese Communist Party is to be considerably expanded in membership. The decision finally gives recognition to the need for recruiting into the Party the country's intellectuals. During past months official statements and reports have made no secret of the fact that the intellectuals and professional men, particularly those who have returned from overseas, have resented the inferior status accorded them by Party workers. Their recruitment into the Party has also been deliberately slowed down because of the prejudices of the Party leaders who consider the intellectuals to be politically unstable.

RECENTLY the People's Daily dwelt on the complications of the background of the intellectuals, but significantly reached the conclusion that they must still be recruited into the Party. The policy has now been endorsed by the Peking District Communist Party Committee, and its application throughout China is assured.

Wholesale inclusion of the intellectuals into the Party not only means a new and commensurate status for them, but it will allow their technical and professional services to be more beneficially and effectively employed. Many at the present are being allowed to waste their talents and their expert knowledge in useless, subordinate jobs.

The indications are that Party leaders are now ready to accept the necessity of permitting the intellectuals to move into the Party and to assume responsible positions at their own professional levels.

THERE remains, nevertheless, suspicion of the political "reliability" of these men and the People's Daily has laid it down that in their recruitment into the Party they must fulfil the standard qualifications and that recruiting officers must safeguard against "infiltration by counter-revolutionaries." It is these cautious conditions which have allowed Party workers, jealous of the intellectuals, to withhold from them Party membership.

The departure by the Chinese Communist Party from the traditional Lenin theory of a compact but efficient Party and the creation of a large Party embracing professional men as well as political workers marks a new phase in the development of Communism in China. One important effect could be the gradual subordination of the bureaucratic Party hack and the elevation to senior and responsible posts of the intellectuals.

But this does not portend any "liberalising" of domestic or foreign policies. The new members will have to keep in close step with the Party line and subscribe without demur to its sudden switches and contradictions. The principal virtue of the new policy is that it does away with the "closed shop" Party.

A Dramatic Cable From London Tells The Amazing Story Of

THE PLOT THAT FAILED

BID TO RESCUE MAKARIOS ENDS IN TRAGEDY

SCHOONER WRECKED: 20 DIE

BUT WHO WAS THE MYSTERIOUS FRENCHMAN?

London, May 29.

A London newspaper reported today that an international plot to rescue Archbishop Makarios from exile failed this month, when a two-masted schooner sank off Africa with the loss of 20 lives.

The Daily Telegraph said in a London dispatch that the attempt was a "buccaneering episode without parallel" in East African waters.

The Telegraph said the plan was to rescue the Archbishop, leader of the Cyprus Enosis movement, from the Seychelle Islands. The Archbishop was then to be taken to neutral territory and from there to be flown to Athens.

The plan was to be carried out in a 120-ton, two-masted schooner. The wreckage, according to the story, has been found on a reef in the Comoro Islands, off East Africa.

MYSTERY VOYAGE

The schooner's British owner, a Frenchman and 18 men out of a total complement of 25 went down with the ship, the Telegraph said. The five survivors are now awaiting interrogation.

The English owner of the schooner, Haiouko, was Eric Hunt, a 42-year-old East African trader who played a leading part in the discovery of the "living fossil" fish, the coelacanth, in 1952, according to the story.

The paper said the schooner was registered at Zanzibar. But it set out on a mysterious voyage from Majunga, on the West Coast of the French island of Madagascar, for a destination to the north.

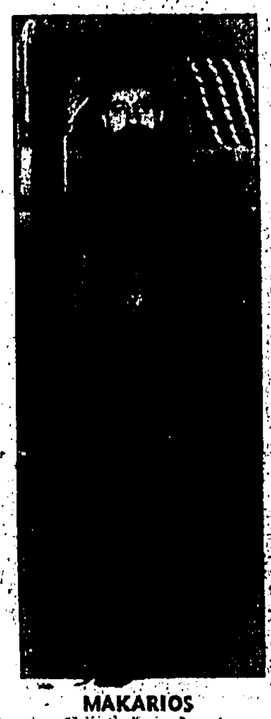
The Telegraph said British intelligence services received information that left no doubt that the vessel, passengers and crew involved in a plot to rescue the Archbishop.

The Colonial Office said it would make no comment on the story tonight.

BRITISH FEARS

Archbishop Makarios was unaware of the failure of the project, the story said. He remains in the villa of Sans Souci at Mahe in the Seychelles.

The islands themselves are not well defended and it would be comparatively easy for a rescue attempt to be made. The British authorities had previously voiced the fear that such an attempt would be made.



MAKARIOS
Almost stepped out.

The Telegraph said the schooner carried 11 passengers, including Hunt and the unnamed Frenchman, and a crew of 14.

The Haiouko had a radio.

According to the Telegraph, the schooner was known to have taken aboard supplies of food and water for a long voyage. Majunga on Madagascar is nearly 1,000 miles from the Seychelles, in the Indian Ocean.

TOTAL WRECK

The Telegraph story said the Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force were warned to keep the vessel under observation. The schooner put out to the north, making for the Comoros, which lie 250 miles north of Majunga.

Last week, according to the story, it was reported that nothing had been heard of the schooner for 10 days.

"Then it was discovered that it had become a total wreck in circumstances still wrapped in mystery on a reef in the Comoro Islands."

All but five of the original passengers and crew were dead.

THREE QUESTIONS

Several questions remained unanswered, the Telegraph said, including:

★ *Who paid for the expedition—Eoka, the underground organisation, or a Greek organisation.*

★ *Who was the mysterious French passenger? Was he an intermediary?*

★ *What would have been the official French attitude if the Archbishop had been landed in French colonial territory?*

The Archbishop's Mahe home is 700 feet above the sea and in wooded country descending steeply to a bay.

The Telegraph said that even if the Archbishop did not know of the attempt to rescue him, it was "surmised" that his unsuspecting guards could be overpowered by the number of men aboard the schooner.

KNOWS A LOT

The Telegraph said that the Englishman, Eric Hunt, had been described as "probably the most knowledgeable layman in Africa".

The newspaper said that Hunt's wife, who lived in Zanzibar, had informed his parents in England that he was missing.

The story said that Hunt first went to Africa 20 years ago as a motor mechanic and later operated a ferry on Lake Victoria.

He served with a South African unit as a soldier in Abyssinia, was a big game fisherman and recently a trader. His home was in Mombasa.—United Press.

Seven Top US Reds Seized

Washington, May 29.

The Justice Department today announced the arrest of seven people described as "top functionaries" in the Massachusetts Communist Party organisation.

They were charged with being involved in a conspiracy to teach or advocate the overthrow of the Government by violence.

The round-up was carried out in the Boston area, New York City and Chattanooga, Tennessee. With the arrests, a Federal grand jury indictment against the seven was made public in Boston.—Reuter.

14 Trapped, Die In 'Sea Of Grass'

Fort Lamy, May 29.

Fourteen Africans were reported today to have died of hunger in Lake Chad when their small boats stuck fast in a "sargasso sea" of marsh grass which had been washed into the lake by swollen rivers.

Two survivors told reporters they were in one of three boats which they said stuck in the grass four months ago while they were hauling dried fish and wheat to the Nigerian side of the Lake.

They said they lived for weeks on fish and wheat while making painstaking progress through thousands of acres of papyrus grass to free water.

The tribesmen said two women in their boat had died of hunger. They said they believed the 12 Africans in the other two boats also starved to death while in the grip of the marsh grass.

It was believed that rising streams ripped the grass from river banks and carried it into the Chad.—France-Presse.

'NO HANGING BILL' ALMOST THROUGH

London, May 29.

A bill aimed at ending the death penalty in Britain took a major step forward tonight when the House of Commons completed its detailed study of the various clauses.

Loud cheers from the "abolitionists" greeted the end of a crucial stage in which attempts had been made to wreck the bill by a series of amendments.

The abolitionists thwarted all attempts to widen a breach made on May 16. On that occasion those who felt the death penalty should be kept as a deterrent forced through an amendment to retain it for a prisoner who commits murder while serving a life sentence.

Abolitionists Score

But tonight the abolitionists won all along the line.

The bill is a private one introduced by Mr Sydney Silverman, a Labour member. The Government wishes to keep the death penalty but has allowed members a "free" vote because it is considered a matter of conscience. Voting has therefore been on non-party lines.

One amendment, rejected by a majority of 42, would have kept capital punishment for rape.

Sir Victor Raikes, a Conservative, predicted a situation would arise where an infuriated father or lover might be tempted to take the law in his own hands if hanging for rape was abolished.

Scotland Too

Another amendment, defeated by a majority of 62, sought to exclude Scotland from the scope of the bill.

Lady Tweedsmuir, a Scottish Conservative, said nobody had a mandate to abolish an accepted safeguard for law-abiding Scots.

Another Scot Mrs Jean Mann, Labour, said she had voted to retain the death penalty in 1947 but had since "felt it was anti-Christian—an Old Testament vote and not a New Testament vote." She was now glad to "redeem my vote of the past."

The bill's sponsors accepted an amendment to exclude Northern Ireland from its effects.

The bill still has two further stages to go through in the Commons — report and third reading — before being passed on to the House of Lords.—Reuter.

Tunisia Recognised

Tunis, May 29.

Greece has recognised the independence of Tunisia, it was announced tonight.—Reuter.

CYPRUS CLASH

One Dead, 19 Hurt In New Riot

Nicosia, May 29.

New Greek-Turkish riots flared today near the Nicosia cemetery where a murdered Turkish policeman was being buried.

One man was killed and 19 were injured.

Troops and police rushed to the scene and fire engines were called to a blaze outside a Greek-owned oxy-acetylene filling plant near the cemetery.

British troops sealed off the northern entrance to the walled city of Nicosia, which leads into the Turkish sector, and a temporary barrier was erected between the Greek and Turkish sectors.

Troops patrolled the borderline areas while crowds of Greek youths assembled in Metaxas Square, on the Greek side, waving sticks and iron bars.

BRITAIN BLAMED

The fire outside the oxy-acetylene plant enveloped nearby wheat fields but the factory itself was saved.

The dead man was a Cypriot Greek and eighteen Greeks and one Turk were injured.

Today's Nicosia clash, latest in a series of recent racial riots, came before the authorities had had time to erect a planned permanent barrier across the centre of the walled city.

Bishop Anthimos of Kition, senior Greek Bishop of Cyprus, said today the recent Turkish attacks on Greek Cypriots were "alarming expressions of a threatened racial war," and claimed Britain was responsible for them.—Reuter.

US Air Force Chiefs For Moscow

Washington, May 29.

The United States will accept the Soviet invitation to send a group of high-ranking U.S. Air Force officers to attend Soviet Aviation Day celebrations in Moscow on June 24, informed sources said tonight.

The Soviet Air Attache in Washington today made a new overture to the Pentagon.—France-Presse.

Middle East Armistice

'BRIDGE TO PEACE'

New York, May 29.

Full compliance by Israel and its Arab neighbours with their armistice agreements could be "the bridge" which might lead to a solution of their differences.

Sir Pierson Dixon, the British delegate said this in the Security Council debate on the report of Mr Dag Hammarskjold, the Secretary-General, on his recent Middle East mission.

Sir Pierson endorsed Mr Hammarskjold's view that full compliance with the armistice agreements represented a stage which had to be passed in order to make progress possible on the main issues between the parties.

"But, even though at the moment we must concentrate on keeping the peace and on making progress towards full compliance with the armistice agreements, we must not lose sight of the need for a mutually acceptable settlement of the differences between Israel and its Arab neighbours."

He said the Council was not this time, as in the past, being summoned like a fire brigade to put out a fire. "Today we are meeting in happier circumstances," he said. "There is no immediate crisis."

Resolution Revised

Britain revised its resolution on Palestine an hour before the Council met.

The changes, mostly of a drafting nature, were made after the Arab delegations had made known their objections to several features of the original draft.

In general, the British resolution called for full compliance on the part of Israel and its four Arab neighbours—Egypt, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon—with their armistice agreements.

Mr Hammarskjold formally presented his report to the Council and called attention to his conclusion in it that: "We are at present in a situation where we may break the previous chain of events."

He said he hoped that all the parties would try, individually to re-establish and maintain the quiet and order so strongly needed as a background for successful efforts to cope with the great practical tasks to be tackled within all the countries concerned."—Reuter.

A-Ship For RN

London, May 29.

An atomic-powered ship is being built for the Admiralty, Lieutenant-General Sir Ronald Weeks, President of Vickers Company, said today. It was being built in collaboration with Rolls Royce and Wheeler & Co.—France-Presse.

Exchanging Envoys

London, May 30.

China and Egypt have agreed to exchange diplomatic representatives with the rank of ambassador, according to a joint communique issued by the two Governments today quoted by the New China News Agency.—Reuter.

PORT SAID BOYCOTT

French Ships Hit

Port Said, May 29.

The Dockers Union of Port Said decided today to boycott all French ships passing through the Suez Canal.

The first ship affected was the French steamship "Marseillaise" which passed through the Canal this morning. Dockers refused to load or unload cargo from the ship.

The French aircraft carrier "Lafayette" was scheduled to arrive here tonight from Saigon. It will remain in Port Said only a few minutes, however, to take aboard the coffin of a French citizen who died in Egypt.

Member countries of the Arab League have formed a special "committee on the boycott of France" because of their opposition to the French policy in Algeria.

The committee met this morning in Cairo and was scheduled to meet again tomorrow.—France-Presse.

END OF RED-SOCIALIST FRONT?

Rome, May 30.

Signor Pietro Nenni, leader of the Italian left-wing Socialists long allied with the Communists, has issued a triumphant statement saying that, in view of the big gains made by his party at the local polls, the governing Christian Democratic party must now discuss with him the formation of local governments in many towns and cities.

At the same time Signor Giancarlo Pajetta, spokesman of the Communist Party, said that the Communists were "maintaining close contact with the Socialists" on the problem of forming city administrations.

This was taken by an indication that the Communists who have helped the Nenni Socialists with finance and organisation, would fight to support Signor Nenni in making independent bargains with the Christian Democrats.

This split of dispute between the said left-wing allies came as results of the weekend local elections showed that the Socialists had won many thousands of votes from the Communist party.

In the Italian commercial capital of Milan, the Socialists outstripped the Communists, the first time this has happened in Italy since the war, elsewhere in Italy the Socialists gained almost as many votes as the Communists lost.

The biggest losers of the elections were the neo-Fascists. Their monarchist allies were also calculated to have lost some ground.

The Social Democrat party estimated that it had added 600,000 votes to the 1,222,000 it won in general elections in 1953.

The Liberals claimed a 50 per cent. increase over the 1953 level—from 800,000 to 1,200,000.—Reuter.

200 Children Rescued

Indianapolis, May 29.

Red Cross boats and trucks today rescued 200 children marooned in two schools by high water that flooded streets after three days of torrential rain.

White River and Fall Creek also rose forcing food stocks in the Indianapolis area, posing a threat to low areas. About 100 families were forced out of a trailer camp and more than a dozen main highways were blocked.

Between 75 and 85 schools in the city and county were closed by high water.—United Press.

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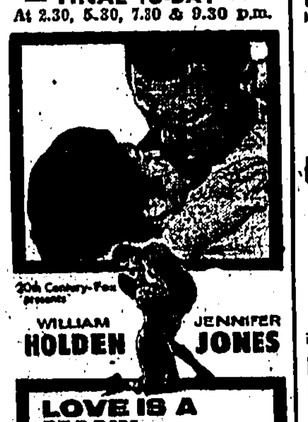

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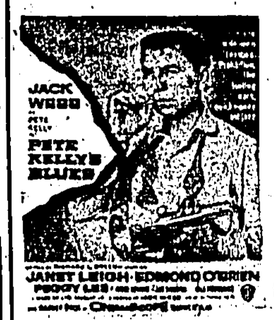

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AIR FORCE HAS NO DIVINE RIGHT TO AIRCRAFT

San Francisco, May 29.

A top Army officer said on Monday that the Air Force had no "divine right" to all airplanes. He said that Army aviation, the highlight of a service feud, was "still in its infancy."

Brig-Gen. Carl Hutton, commandant of the Army aviation centre at Fort Rucker, Alabama, said that Army aviation was the "fastest growing part of the US Army and perhaps of the aviation field itself."

General Hutton outlined Army plans for expanding its air arm to more than 300 aviation reporters duing a tour of the Hiller helicopter plant at Palo Alto. The Aviation Writers Association is holding its 18th annual convention here.

Civilian Uses

The writers later visited Moffett Naval Air Station, where they heard Hall Hibbard, vice-president of Lockheed Aircraft Corp., predict how the death-dealing guided missiles now being developed for the military would be adapted to many civilian uses.

The Navy chose the occasion of the writers' visit to announce development of a new all-weather, supersonic jet fighter designed to "intercept and destroy the swiftest enemy aircraft."

The plane is the Douglas F-6-D Skylancer which made its first flight at Edwards Air Force Base, California, last April 21, the Navy said. It is essentially a faster, longer-range version of the Navy F-4-D Skyray.

General Hutton said President Eisenhower was reported to have remarked 10 years ago that the Army's place was on the ground.

"I am not sure he would say the same thing if he were in a position to appraise developments (now)," said the general.

Can't Exploit

He contended that the Army was not trying to build another Air Force but was seeking aircraft peculiarly suited for movement and support of ground forces. The Air Force, he said, did not have a "divine right to airplanes just because they fly."

He said that soldiers could not fully exploit the tremendous firepower that the Air Force and Navy could now lay down, if they had to move over the ground at one and a half miles per hour.—United Press.

EGGS WITH EXTRA CARE

New Orleans, May 29.

Wild life experts here are hoping that there will be no accidents in the hatching of two rare whooping crane eggs.

Both were laid by Josephine, who with her mate Crip makes up the only pair of whooping cranes in captivity in the world.

Only once before has a whooping crane egg been laid in captivity—that was also Josephine's some years ago, but she broke it in excitement caused when human beings crowded around her.

Experts expect the eggs to hatch in about a month. They are waiting as patiently as they can. In all the world, there are only 28 whooping cranes. —China Mail Special.

Angry Hippo Attacks Boat

Pietermaritzburg, May 29.

A Natal schoolboy helped two smaller children ashore at St Lucia Lake recently after an enraged hippopotamus had attacked a boat, bitten a huge hole in it and overturned it. The animal was still in the vicinity when the rescue was made.

The schoolboy, Barry Foxon, brought to the shore six-year-old Penny Dixon and her brother, eight-year-old Richard, neither of whom could swim. They clung to his neck and so reached safety.

The three youngsters were fishing on St Lucia Lake with an African boy. Their parents were on the shore.

REARED UP

Mrs Dixon called to Richard to bring the boat in, and when the outboard motor was started up the hippo, which must have been in the water immediately below the boat, was presumably frightened.

It reared up, smashing the side of the boat with its powerful jaws and tipping the boat over. It then swallowed a knife, a coat, shoes and scarf, which had been in the boat.

In the meantime Barry, Richard and Penny and the African were in the water. Barry immediately went to the help of his two younger friends.

The parents of the children made an attempt to wade out to their rescue, but were hampered by thick mud.

Afterwards a modest Barry said: "I don't want anything said, otherwise I will get a terrible ragging from my pals." —China Mail Special.

Indian Gold Output Dropped

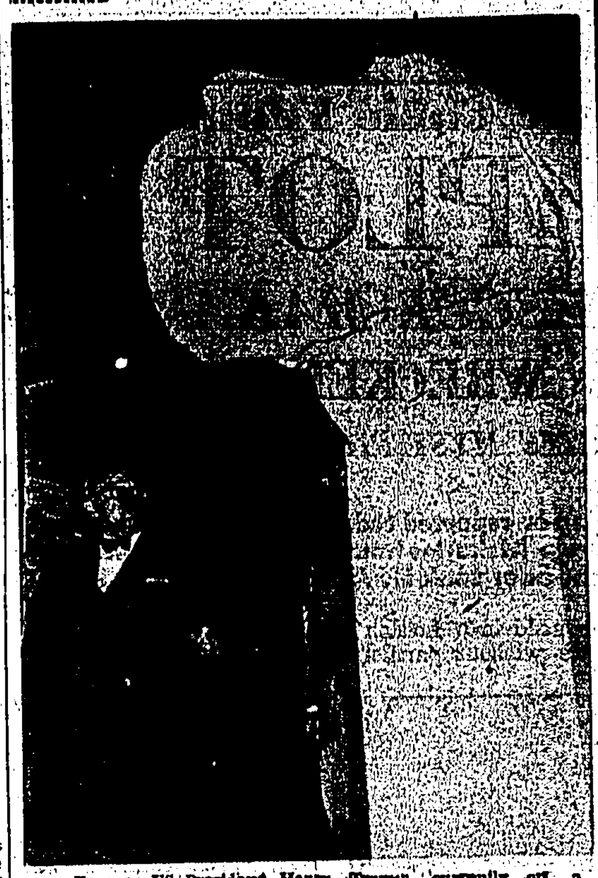
New Delhi, May 29.

The Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research, Mr K. D. Malaviya, informed Parliament today that gold production from six mines in Mysore, Hyderabad and Andhra in 1954 was 239,162 fine ounces. In 1955 it totalled 210,880 ounces.

The Minister said there was no intention of nationalising mines in Hyderabad and Andhra. The nationalisation of the Mysore gold mines is still under consideration, however.

Asked whether other regions of India had been surveyed for gold, he said gold had been traced in numerous other localities but its occurrence was only sporadic and would not be economical to mind.—United Press.

Guess What, Mr Truman



Former US President Harry Truman, currently on a European tour, looks surprised as he comes across this exhibit in the Salerno Peastums' museum and excavations. Can't say we blame him: we're still musing over it ourselves.—Express Photo.

LITTLE EUROPE MINISTERS IN AGREEMENT

Venice, May 29.

The six-nation conference of "little Europe" foreign ministers tonight agreed to draft two treaties setting up a European atomic energy pool (Euratom), and an overall common market, conference spokesmen announced here tonight.

The ministers decided that a new six-nation conference, charged with drafting the treaties, would meet in Brussels on June 26.

The decisions were reached in record time after only one day's talks but conference spokesmen stressed that there remained still, "a number of difficulties to be ironed out."

Working Group

The ministers (representing France, West Germany, Italy, Belgium, Holland, and Luxembourg) also decided to set up a working group to examine the possible integration of overseas territories into the proposed common market.

They agreed in addition to appoint another working group to consider whether Euratom should be restricted to peaceful uses or should be allowed to provide for the manufacture of nuclear weapons.

One spokesman said that both the forthcoming Brussels conference and the working groups would base their labours on the European integration plans prepared by government experts under M. Paul Henri Spaak, Belgian Foreign Minister.

These plans were today approved by the conference. M. Spaak was chosen to preside at the forthcoming meeting in Brussels.

Final Communique

This was due to last two days or more, but the ministers had by tonight completed the bulk of their work.

They reconvene tomorrow to draft a final communique.—Reuter.

JOURNALIST ARRESTED

Paris, May 29.

Madame Claude Gerard, a wartime resistance leader, was arrested today in Paris by the French security police.

After a lengthy questioning, Madame Gerard, who recently wrote several articles describing her contacts with the Algerian rebel forces, was held at the Paris La Petite Roquiette prison.

It is expected that Madame Gerard will shortly be transferred to Algeria, where she has been indicted for activity harmful to the integrity of the national territory. — Franco-Presse.

Cholera Death Toll 465

Calcutta, May 29.

The death toll of Calcutta's cholera epidemic since the beginning of the year to May 26 was 465, according to official figures released here today.

Last week, however, there was a slight decrease in the virulence of the epidemic, deaths falling to 85 and attacks to 213, compared with 93 deaths and 255 attacks the preceding week.

Health officials are now cautiously optimistic that the epidemic has passed its peak phase.—Franco-Presse.

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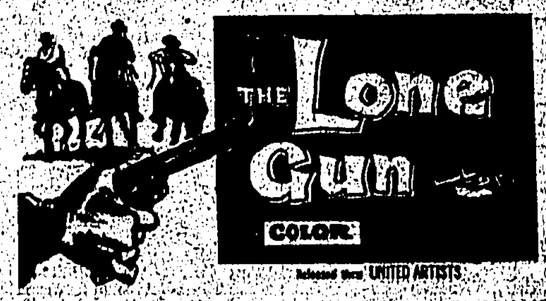

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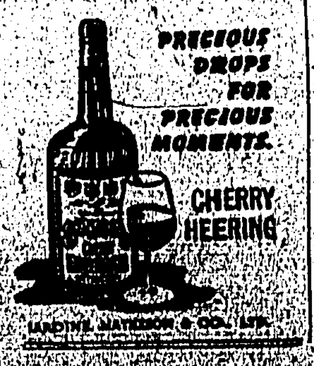

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Washington, May 29.

The United Nations is to seek an answer to a puzzle as old as the saga of seafaring: how much ocean can a nation call its own?

Under modern theory the high seas belong to everybody. By time-honoured precedent a nation may control no more of its offshore waters than an eighteenth-century cannon could shoot—one league or three nautical miles. In actual practice nations throughout the world are putting "no trespassing" signs on coastal belts extending from four to 200 miles from their mainlands.

Out of bounds waters present a particular problem to far-ranging fishermen and defence planners. In an effort to settle the intricate problems of oceanic geography the United Nations this year will receive proposals from its International Law Commission for new rules befitting modern conditions.

PAY RESPECTS

Nearly every great maritime power, at one time or another, has staked a claim over immense areas of water. In some instances foreign ships had to call at certain ports, and pay ceremonial honour to the "mistress" of the seas.

Today, fewer and fewer nations accept the three-mile limit. It is unlawful, for instance, for foreign fishermen to drop nets within 12 miles of Soviet Russia, Colombia or Guatemala. Chile, Ecuador, Peru and 70-mile-wide El Salvador claim 200-mile belts in the Pacific Ocean. While holding to the 3-mile limit, the United States and a number of other nations have reserved the right to exploit natural resources — chiefly oil and other minerals— in the seabeds of their "continental shelves."—China Mail Special.

Unique Windmill To Be Demolished

Kiel, May 29.

A 160-year-old windmill with sails instead of wooden blades has been auctioned on the north sea island of Fehmarn and is to be broken up.

The mill, believed to be the last of its kind in the world, was in debt and had not worked for some years. It was in a state of disrepair.

The windmill's sails can be set at varying angles, according to the strength of the wind.—China Mail Special.

ARMY SHOULD CARRY THE DAY SAYS LACOSTE

Paris, May 29.

M. Robert Lacoste, Minister residing in Algeria, told the French Council of the Republic (upper house) today that there had been an improvement in the situation in the strife-torn North African territory since the Mollet Government took office last February.

Three months ago, he said, Algeria was in full disintegration and foreign propaganda was saying France would accept another Dien Bien Phu. Now, he said, the fellahs (peasants) knew they had been misled.

Describing the French military effort against the insurgents, the Minister said that next month 364,000 French troops would be on active service in Algeria. "This force should allow us to carry the day. I have total faith in the future. We will transform the situation."

Curtain Raiser

The Senate debate on Algeria was a curtain raiser to a three-day debate on the Mollet Government's general policy opening in the National Assembly on Thursday. M. Guy Mollet has staked the life of his four-month-old government on the issue of the debate, and a confidence vote is due on Tuesday.

M. Lacoste flew from Algiers last night to take part in the debate and had a long talk with M. Mollet this morning on the situation.

M. Lacoste told the Senate today that the special powers in Algeria voted in March had enabled the Government to keep the situation in hand while French strength was built up.

"Our strength grows continually," he said. "At the end of June we shall have 364,000 fighting soldiers in Algeria, well over 400,000 with the other arms. These forces are enough to pacify Algeria."

Only Hypocrisy

"We know that pacification is a prelude to a vast political settlement. The rebels know that a military victory is impossible. They have therefore launched into terrorism in order to drive fear into the European community and cause a split between the two communities."

M. Lacoste said France must take account of dangers which might come from Morocco or Tunisia, Algeria's newly independent neighbours. Arms might come from Tunisia—"all the assurances which have been given to us are only hypocrisy," the Minister declared.

M. Michel Debre, a leading Social Republican who spoke in the debate, said France's policy of European unity had not helped her because "even her European allies are making friends with her worst enemies."

M. Debre regretted the invitation sent by the Italian Government to Egyptian Premier Gamal Abdul Nasser, and demanded a firm attitude towards Spain which "is doing everything to get France chased out of Algeria."

Harden Position

After the debate, the Council of the Republic adopted by a show of hands a motion calling on the Government to pursue with "determination" its Algerian policy of establishing the conditions necessary for a real Franco-Moslem community.

The motion condemned all attempts at division and said these could only harden the position of those wishing to chase France out of North Africa, as well as prolong the struggle in Algeria.—Reuter.

GEORGIA IS IN TROUBLE

Moscow, May 29.

Georgia, the Caucasian republic where Stalin was born, is lagging behind in a farm project ordered personally by the Communist Party's new leader, Mr Nikita Khrushchev.

The republic has come under fire for slow work on sowing maize, Mr Khrushchev's favourite crop. Mr Khrushchev believes that maize may be the solution of Russia's fodder problems. Farm directors throughout the country have instructions to give maize cultivation top priority.

Izvestia, the Government newspaper, admitted that maize sowing was "being delayed" in Georgia. The newspaper said that the Georgian Agriculture Ministry "are trying to explain this delay by frequent rains." It cited the example of four districts in Georgia as proving that rains had not interfered with the sowing of maize on time.—China Mail Special.

First Plane To Lhasa

London, May 30.

The first passenger plane from Peking arrived at Lhasa, capital of China's autonomous region of Tibet, on May 29, the New China News Agency reported today.

The agency said a regular passenger and freight service would soon be opened on the Peking-Lhasa line following this maiden journey.

The agency said the pilot of the passenger plane was a resident of Hongkong, who returned to China in 1949.—Reuter.

Reservists In Algiers

More and more detachments of French reservists have been arriving in Algeria to combat rebel forces. Picture shows troops arriving on the steamer Pasteur. — Express Photo.

SNAKE IN CABIN

Calcutta, May 29.

A pilot of Indian Airlines recently flew for half an hour knowing that there was a snake coiled up under his seat that might strike at any minute.

The two-foot snake was spotted by the co-pilot in the cockpit when the plane was 80 miles from Calcutta airport. The pilot decided not to disturb the snake and flew straight on.

As soon as he landed in Calcutta the deadly "stowaway" was killed by the ground staff.—China Mail Special.

Mendelssohn's Wedding March Ban Wanted

Barcelona, May 29.

A press campaign has been launched here against the playing of Mendelssohn's Wedding March at weddings held in Catholic churches.

According to the Catholic Logos News Agency, the campaign is based on the desire that only music of a sacred character should be played on these occasions.

The Logos Agency said: "Among the profane music improper for such occasions is the famous Wedding March of the German-Jewish composer Mendelssohn.

IGNORANCE

"Mendelssohn wrote this piece of music for Shakespeare's Midsummer Night's Dream. As is known, this play deals with a spell cast by an evil spirit which causes a charlatan transformed into a donkey to be loved by a woman. This makes the music, even from an aesthetic point of view, improper to be played at a wedding.

"The immense majority of those who ask for the Wedding March to be played ignore the facts behind this music."

The weekly Hoja Diocesana suggests that organists should object to playing the Wedding March and should explain its background to those about to be married in order to convince them that "it is not worthy to be played at such an important ceremony."—China Mail Special.

Kuala Lumpur, May 29.

The Government of the Federation of Malaya has given 50,000 Malayan dollars towards the construction of International House, a hostel for overseas and Australian students at Melbourne University, an official announcement said today.—Reuter.

H-Bomb Fallout Takes Long Time

London, May 29.

A British atomic scientist predicted today that it would take 20 years for all the radioactive fallout from America's latest H-bomb test to reach the ground.

There is a "tremendous hang-up" of fallout from nuclear explosions, said Dr Marley, health-physics director at the British Atomic Energy Research establishment.

"We guess that the fallout from the stratosphere is at the rate of 10 to 20 per cent a year," he said.

Dr Marley spoke at a ceremony commemorating the tenth anniversary of Harwell's service as centre of British nuclear research.

Informed sources said that Harwell's scientists, in co-operation with medical experts, would report to the Government next month that H-bomb and A-bomb tests so far had not resulted in a dangerous rise in radiation on earth.

White Paper

Detailed findings will be published as a Government White Paper within several weeks, the sources said.

Scientists refused to give specific details of the forthcoming report. But reporters visiting the Harwell laboratories saw exhibits set up to show that the danger to population from all the nuclear blasts so far was infinitesimal.

Workers in atomic industry are now allowed a tolerance thousands of times the level of fallout, the sources said.

"Measurements taken following H and A-bomb tests have to be measured in millionths of millionths of curies because the dose is so small," said one scientist.

Dr Marley, in a general speech on nuclear safety, said measurements indicated fallout on Britain at present amounted to "about six millicuries per square mile a year". A curie is equivalent to the radiation from one grain of radium.

Warning

"The rate of fallout is related to the rate of firing of bombs but the result is greatly blurred as there is an enormous hang-up of the material for a long time in the stratosphere."

Dr Marley warned against "naive guessing" at the effects of the accumulation of build-up on the ground.

"It is quite clear that many of the biological effects are controlled by the rate of fallout and not by the accumulated total on the ground," he said.

Radiation at ground level was maintained at a very low point, he said, because the fallout was continually washed into the ground by rain and weather, and "once it has been washed into the ground it becomes biologically ineffective."

Dr Marley said that in the last two years the fallout of radioactive strontium had increased sixfold.

Strontium is a metallic element which occurs in nature. It is produced synthetically from uranium by the A-bomb reaction.

Ten Times

"In the spring of 1954 there had already fallen out about two millicuries per square mile and the present level is about 12 millicuries per square mile on the ground," he said.

Another scientist said that present calculations estimated the radioactive spread from an H-bomb was about ten times that of an atomic test.—United Press.

El Kuwatly Welcomed To Jerusalem

Jerusalem, May 29.

King Hussein of Jordan and Syrian President, Shukri el Kuwatly, today visited Jerusalem and several small towns close to the Israeli border.

President el Kuwatly, who is on a four-day state visit to Jordan, and King Hussein arrived this morning at Jerusalem airport from Amman. The two heads of state were accompanied by their Chiefs-of-Staff and other high ranking officers.

Thousands of people gathered at Jerusalem airport, decorated with Syrian and Jordanian flags, to cheer the two heads of state. They drove to a military centre in the vicinity of Jerusalem and then to Ramallah and Beereh. King Hussein and President el Kuwatly received an enthusiastic welcome from the villagers and from security forces.

From a frontier outpost, the President watched Israeli military movements across the border in Israel.—France-Presse.

Political Strikes Threaten Press Freedom

Zurich, May 29.

A Finnish editor said here today that the freedom of the press was being threatened in a new war — by political strikes.

Mr E. Erkko, editor of a Finnish newspaper, was speaking at the opening session of the fifth general assembly of the International Press Institute, of which he is chairman.

More than 150 newspaper and news agency editors from 20 Western countries were there.

"We recently had an alarming growth of strikes in the newspaper industry," Mr Erkko said.

"They have not been what I would like to call normal strikes concerning salaries, hours and working conditions.

Clearly Political

"The main purpose has not been the economic issue, but to prevent newspapers informing their readers in times of great conflicts and only to allow newspapers of certain opinions to appear.

"The reason for these strikes has been clearly political, and not economic.

"This is a new form of attack on the freedom of the press and I want to draw your attention to this fact and to point out that the new war has taken a new shape in attacking the Western idea of democracy."

Improvements during the past year in the transmission of news and better access to news in the Soviet Union and the Eastern European countries were noted by Mr Erkko in his opening address.

"We welcome these changes as being something constructive and they may give some hope to the peoples of the world that everything is not entirely hopeless," he said.

"But it is still one-sided. If these signs would be followed by all round free publication of newspapers and free expression of news, the world would be really on the way towards real peace."

Not Bureaucratic

Mr Erkko stressed that the International Press Institute, which was devoted to the principles of press freedom, was working for better understanding among journalists.

"This is no bureaucratic organisation," he said.

"We are all free newspapermen not bound by any organisation. We are individuals, responsible men leading our newspapers and being responsible for their editorial and news policies."

He said the recent Asian conference organised by the Institute had been a great success, "a greater success than anybody expected."

"It has been one of the positive happenings in the newspaper world," he added.

This afternoon's discussion on "foreign news in the popular press" was introduced by Mr Sydney Elliott, editor of the London Daily Herald. Mr Werner Friedmann of Suddeutsche Zeitung was in the chair.

Mr Elliot said that up to 1951, the Daily Herald had maintained a large staff of correspondents abroad but after that date the paper had closed down almost all its offices abroad owing to increasing costs and the continued rationing of newsprint.

Despite this, the paper carried a large percentage of foreign news and comment on foreign affairs.

M. Clau De Veillet-Lavalleo, foreign editor of France Soir, of Paris, said his paper's policy was to carry a very wide range of foreign news, which appealed to all classes from university professors to workmen.

New Readers

"In the past 10 years," he said, "we have set up 22 offices in foreign centres, including New York, Washington, London and Moscow.

"What we try to do is to entertain our readers while at the same time interesting them," he said.

By this means the paper had gained many thousands of new readers at the time of Queen Elizabeth's Coronation.

In the general discussion, most editors stressed the increased reader interest in foreign news.

Mr Toshio Hiroka, Mainichi Shimbun, declared that the Japanese press was increasingly following a policy of more emphasis on foreign news.

Mr James Cameron, of the London News Chronicle, said the correspondent in the field suffered from the mode of presentation of foreign news at home.

"The trade must be rescued from mediocrity, vulgarity and the cult of the second rate," he said.

Summing up the discussion, Mr Werner Friedmann, chairman, said it appeared all nations of the press appeared convinced of the importance of foreign news.

A Development

"I think it would be a good thing if the more serious newspapers moved a little way towards the popular, human interest appeal of the popular papers," he said.

"Frankly, I think it is a development that cannot be resisted. Ideally, I should like to see the papers following a middle-of-the-way policy in foreign news coverage so that foreign news can be understood not only by the academically-trained but by the man-in-the-street."—China Mail Special.

Threads Puzzle Scientists

Melbourne, May 29.

Millions of web-like white threads drifting through Melbourne's seaside suburbs, hang from lines and wires, stick to cars and clothes, catch in trees—and vanish in a few hours.

Six scientists of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Organisation have studied the threads. They have tested them with ethyl acetate, acetone, lactophenol blue dye, magnified them a hundred times, burnt them, melted them, turned them orange.

Said one of them, "It's not wool, it doesn't come from feathers, it's not cotton, it's not wood-fibre, and it doesn't look like a synthetic fibre."

Some of them are thinking in terms of webs of spiders yet to be identified but, as the threads have a melting quality, they are further puzzled.—China Mail Special.

More Sweeps Wanted

Belgrade, May 29.

Municipal authorities in Yugoslavia's main port of Rijeka are facing a serious problem — a lack of chimney sweeps.

The town, with 110,000 inhabitants, has only 12 sweeps. According to the number of buildings, each sweep should be responsible on the average for over 1,000 chimneys.

Householders, when questioned, reply that their chimneys have not been swept for at least six months, or since last summer. Yet according to local regulations a chimney should be swept twice a month.

The fire brigade report that 38 per cent of the calls they have received are for chimney stacks on fire.

One possible solution under discussion would be to reorganise the sweeps, who are at present private tradesmen, into a socialised co-operative, which would take steps to train an adequate number of apprentices.—China Mail Special.

HUNGARIAN ENVOY TO U.S.

Vienna, May 29.

Mr Peter Kos, Hungarian Ambassador to Belgium, has been appointed permanent Hungarian representative at the United Nations and also Ambassador in Washington, Radio Budapest reported in a broadcast monitored here tonight.

Mr Kos will replace Karoly Szarka, recently recalled from Washington to become Deputy Foreign Minister.—France-Presse.

GIRL SERVANT PADLOCKED

Ballycod, May 29.

A Eurasian government clerk alone was fined £100 (about £4 sterling) for keeping his 12-year-old Indian maid servant with a chain and padlock round her neck.

In his defence, the pensioner told the trial court he had chained and padlocked the girl to prevent her "running outside."—China Mail Special.

Expulsion Expected

Bangkok, May 29.

The Thailand Public Relations Director said today that Robert Alden, special correspondent of the New York Times may soon be asked to leave Thailand, following two articles he wrote, criticising the Thailand Government.

Police General Phao Siyanond, said that Mr Alden's criticisms were too close to interference in "Thailand's domestic affairs." The articles were "detrimental to Thailand's reputation abroad," he added.—France-Presse.

2,000 GEORGIANS OVER 90

Moscow, May 29.

A farmer, aged 155 and more than 2,000 other persons aged over 90 are still living in the Soviet Republic of Georgia, the Soviet medical journal Meditsinski Rabotnik, announced today.

The journal, reporting a study made by a Soviet health department committee, on longevity, said the 155-year-old, Kaw Kavay, was still tending to his cattle in his village after touring Europe as a pastry boy starting in 1816.

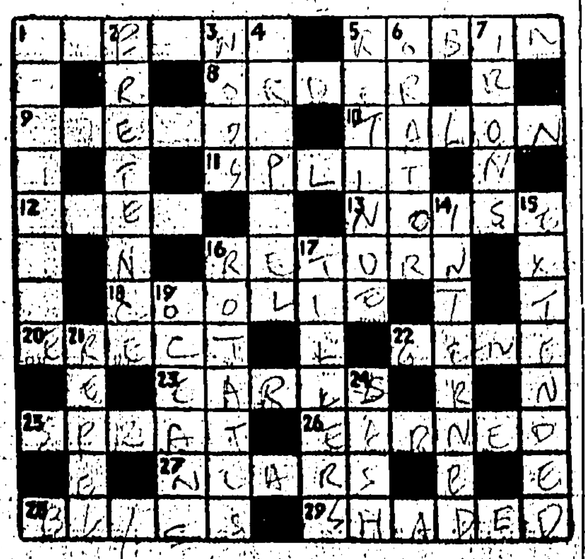
The journal also listed a 149-year-old engineer, a 147-year-old farm worker and a "veteran" of the Crimean War, whose age was not given.

Georgia's centenarians include a singer and a 113-year-old dancer, Mr Okropir, who won the first prize in a national dance contest held last year, the journal said.

The committee denied the long-held view that high altitude contributed to late life. It reported that an overwhelming majority of centenarians whom it examined still had good sight, a perfect nervous system and no heart or artery trouble.

All "centenarians" are being registered every year systematically by medical experts in the Ministry of Health, the paper added.—France-Presse.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1 Hard drinking (6).
5 Bird (6).
8 Command (5).
9 Business before the meeding (6).
10 Claw (5).
11 Crack (6).
12 Pitcher (4).
13 Din (5).
16 Come back (6).
18 Chinese labourer (6).
20 Build (6).
22 Lake (4).
23 Nobleman (5).
25 Fish (5).
26 Merited (6).
27 Approaches (6).
28 Sheen (5).
29 Out of the sun (6).

DOWN

1 Cross (6).
2 Sham (8).
3 Indicates assent (4).
4 Ship's boarding iron (7).
5 Train (7).
6 Speaker (6).
7 Fetters (5).
14 Incarcerated (8).
15 Lengthened (8).
16 Revolves (7).
17 Cultivators (7).
19 Vast expanses (6).
21 Drive back (5).
24 Girdle (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Method, 5 Angle, 8 Wall, 9 Ribald, 11 Lahore, 12 Assume, 14 Kept, 16 Evade, 18 Opera, 19 Idol, 20 Flatus, 24 Tarrow, 25 Grease, 28 Area, 27 Silly, 28 Spread. Down: 1 Mast, 2 Tutsi, 3 Owls, 4 Deduct, 5 Alleged, 6 General, 7 Elected, 10 Aster, 13 Donates, 14 Kestrel, 15 Pathway, 17 Vogue, 19 Image, 21 Trap, 22 Sage, 23 Tend.

NATHANIEL GUBBINS

AS I was the first to introduce automation into journalism, readers may be interested to learn that my protege Albert, the robot columnist, is now proprietor and editor of his own picture magazine called Cheesecake.

For those who don't know, it must be explained that cheesecake is a term for published photographs of girls in bikinis and bathing costumes.

When Albert clanked into my room with copies of the magazine under his metal arm I could see the difference in him.

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He was no longer the student columnist but the brisk, efficient owner of his own publication.

He said sharply: "Good morning, Gubbins. Finished your work yet?"

I said: "No, Albert."

He said: "Disgraceful. Under automation it wouldn't take more than a couple of minutes."

I asked: "Do you want me to write for your magazine, Albert?"

He said: "Certainly not. I don't have writers on Cheesecake. Just pictures of girls, girls and more girls."

I asked: "Who are your readers?"

He answered: "Sex maniacs."

I said: "Mixed-up kids would be a politer term."

He said: "Call them what you like."

I said: "There are not enough mixed-up kids in the country to make Cheesecake a success."

He said: "Rubbish. Ever read Freud?"

I said: "No."

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He said: "You ought to keep in touch. It was the centenary of his birth last week. After reading Freud you'd know the country's full of maniacs. The world's full of maniacs. Cheesecake will sweep the country. It will sweep the world."

Poem for Joy

THEN he picked up my newspapers, ran his glowing eyes over them and said: "Wake up, Gubbins. Let's look at the news and get your little job done."

"There's a beautiful model called Yolande Joy," said Albert, "who told an ITV audience that she wanted to get married but nobody had asked her. What are your reactions to that?"

"New angle on publicity," I said.

"Wrong approach. Too cynical," said Albert. "Thinks of cheesecake. Yolande Joy has already had 100 proposals by post. But she finds them all uninspiring. She told a reporter she would have liked a bit of poetry. Carry on from there."

"If I remember rightly," I said, "writing poems to girls is more in your line."

"All right," said Albert." Here goes:

Yolande Joy, Yolande Joy,
My magazine Cheesecake will find you a boy:
We'll find you a steady or caveman brute
If we publish your picture in a bathing suit.
We'll pose you right with your measurements, too,
Thirty-three, thirty-one, and thirty-two;
Though if you'd rather be like Miss Dors
We'll make one measurement forty-f . . . "

"Steady, Albert," I said. "I won't have Miss Dors insulted."

Albert in tears

BEFORE the cocky robot could find anything more in the papers I deflated him by reading aloud the headline:

ROBOTS ARE NOT SO CLEVER.

"Who said that?" asked Albert.

"The Earl of Halsbury. He said, try wishing a robot 'Bon jour.' Although a man with a smattering of French, would translate it immediately into 'Good morning' it would take a robot a long time to do a simple thing like that."

"I never claimed to speak French," said Albert.

"Even the proprietor and editor of Cheesecake ought to have some education."

"Girls in bathing costumes speak all languages, French, German, even Chinese."

"Lord Halsbury said robots have no brains."

"You don't need brains to edit Cheesecake," said Albert.

"He also said they couldn't think."

Albert hung his metal head over the table and I was astonished to see oily tears trickling down his steel cheeks.

I said: "Don't take it so badly Albert. I'm sure you're very clever."

He straightened up and gave a little whirring groan.

"Did I ever tell you about the rust in my back?" he asked.

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I told him no, but I often had lumbago. It probably felt the same and was sometimes caused by casting clouts before May was out.

"I have no clouts to cast," said Albert, "but I spent the whole winter in a shed. And the cold and damp got into my joints."

I said: "Poor Albert."

He said: "Have you got lumbago now?"

I said yes, and he asked what I did about it. I told him wintergreen ointment rubbed into the affected part was a good thing, but when he asked for the same treatment I had to tell him that ointment would be no use on bolts and rivets. So I offered to take him to a garage where we could buy some engine oil.

At this he became more cheerful and began making new plans for his magazine.

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He asked: "How can I prove that I have brains and sell Cheesecake to cultured people?"

I said: "You could try journalism."

He said: "I could print a column of little jokes. I know lots of little jokes. Shall I tell you one?"

I said I didn't like little jokes, even clean ones.

He said: "But I must tell you this about the commercial traveller. I'll whisper it. She said pssssh zzz psss zssz and the commercial traveller said zzz psz pssszz. Heh, heh, heh, heh. That should bring in the readers, shouldn't it?"

I said: "If you publish that it will probably bring in the police."

As Albert's tin tongue was rattling in his rectangular mouth I asked him if he would like a drink before I took him to the garage to have his back oiled.

"Let's go," he said, rising stiffly.

So together, squeaking, groaning and supporting each other, we clanked along to the low tavern for a double Scotch.

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"Can't think what's come over the young generation these days, Winston."

London Express Service

We should hold firm over Cyprus . . . . now more than ever

IN ATHENS, THERE ARE SIGNS OF DESPERATION

By DONALD EDGAR

TO come back from Athens where everything British is guarded by armed police — and find armed police guarding British Ministers, well, it makes you even more fed up with the handful of Greek Cypriot thugs and their Greek friends.

But there is good reason to believe that the London terrorist threat is just another sign of the Eoka desperation. At any rate, that is what I think after my trip.

For things are not going well with Colonel Grivas and his terrorists on Cyprus. And in Greece they know it.

That is the reason for their increased hysteria, the attempts of the extremists to pull down the present Greek Government and to involve the Greek royal family even more deeply in Enosis.

Our security measures have now spread from Cyprus to the whole of the Eastern Mediterranean. And our security men as they settle down and get to work are having considerable success in denying to Eoka both men and materials.

SECRET

IT is, of course, secret work. But I can say that there have been swift interceptions at sea recently and discoveries in Cypriot ports which have upset the whole supply system of the terrorists.

And on the mainland it has thrown their supporters into something like panic. They realise we are getting excellent information.

The work takes patience. It takes money. But it is tremendously worthwhile. Eoka is existing on very slim supplies. Every interception is a major disaster for them. When Cyprus is pacified this part of our work will make a romantic story.

The background: small bars, luxury hotels in Greek cities where elegant men gossip in French and English with beautiful women.

The work goes on in expensive night clubs where the dancing girls as usual are either English or German.

It goes on in little ports, all pink and green, blazing in the sun—in smoky sailors' cafes where the ouzo and local brandy flows. And on board old tramps and swift caiques sailing the Levantine shores.

In Greece the fanatics are becoming so fanatical that they are already overplaying their hand.

Moderate opinion which was willing to support the Cyprus issue so long as it thought the British could be fairly easily prised out, is beginning to realise this is not a game—for either side.

The fanatics may stage some desperate coups—but in the long run they will not help. They are more likely to have the opposite effect—of disgusting ordinary people.

Among the ruling classes in Athens there was an unfortunate illusion that the natural love of Greece felt by the English upper classes would help to get them Cyprus.

The Greeks were willing to think that because we may have read Homer or admired the Parthenon, we are going to abandon our positions.

OPTIMISTIC

SO, although the situation is confused at the moment, I am an optimist. The Greeks can change overnight—stone you one day, cheer you the next. And I believe that they may soon change just like that about the British and Cyprus.

It is just a question of firmness and nonchalance in Athens, which our ambassador, Sir Charles Peake, and his staff are certainly showing, and increasing pressure in Cyprus.

So long as the Greeks feel we are getting on top of the problem—so their respect for us will increase.

The sort of thing that helps immeasurably has been the discovery of an arms cache in beehives in Cyprus—the Greeks know that means only one thing. That we know where to look. Which means that our security forces are getting information. Which means that Eoka intimidation of the Greek Cypriots is weakening.

But all the work our men are doing in Cyprus, in Greece, and in the area also depends on public opinion.

When Lord Attlee makes a statement—as he just has—criticising our policy in Cyprus, the Greeks feel: "Oh, well, it might be worth keeping up the pressure. The British might crack after all."

In Greece we now know quite a lot about the hard core which has been leading Enosis.

There is the Cyprus Eth-narchy Council which represents the Greek Cypriot Church in Greece. There is the Cyprus Brotherhood. There is the Pan Hellenic Committee for the Liberation of Cyprus.

There is the Union of Greek Cypriot Students—those who are studying in Athens. There is the Union of Greek Students Working for Enosis.

In those groups there are the usual mixtures that you get in revolutionary bodies—generally young idealists led by men ambitious for power and influence.

There are undoubtedly enough tough men, tough or fanatical men, left to do terrorist work efficiently—and, of course, the assignment may not be in Cyprus. But the hangings of Karaolides and Demetriou will undoubtedly effectively cut down serious terrorist work by students.

Before we had hanged anybody, a young man asked to kill could be promised honour, fame, and an amnesty when inevitable freedom arrived. But now the parents of these young men are clamping down on their sons' activities.

Prison, prestige, with freedom round the corner, is one thing. Death is another. And that, unfortunately, is what had to be taught.

BE FIRM

AS a footnote just to show what a mercurial and emotional people the Greeks are: when I was last in Athens Archbishop Makarios had just been deported. Everybody talked about him—morning, noon, and night.

This time I can't remember anybody referring to him.

Simply because he is a long way away and the story isn't new.

The Athenians are much what they were in classical times—eager for the latest bit of news and gossip, clever business men with two eyes on the main chance, easily excited, easily depressed, capable of acts of great courage, capable of acts of great stupidity.

That is not the case up-country where there is just work and no money.

But Athens runs Greece—so it's worthwhile studying the salient points of the Athenian character and draw the lesson.

BE CALM AND FIRM.

THE MAN WITH THE HABIT OF WINNING

...NOW CAN HE WIN WITH HARRIMAN?

By NICHOLAS PHIPPS

A FANCIED outsider to win the nomination as Democratic candidate in the USA presidential election this autumn is the Governor of New York State, Averell Harriman.

Last week Governor Harriman formally announced that he was an active candidate. Even before this statement, his candidacy was being pushed unofficially by a powerful political organisation, the Democratic Committee for New York County, commonly known as Tammany Hall.

In former days this would have availed Governor Harriman little. Within living memory no Tammany candidate has secured the presidential nomination, let alone been elected.

In the last few years however, Tammany, once notoriously corrupt, has gained power and prestige under a remarkable leader (or Boss) Carmine De Sapio.

De Sapio, Harriman's State Secretary of State, is generally looked on as Harriman's trainer for the nomination race. And De Sapio has a reputation for winning—and for guessing right.

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The first time De Sapio was right was when he matched his Manhattan machine against the Democratic machines of the other boroughs over the election of a mayor of New York. De Sapio allied himself with a Democratic splinter group, the Liberals (who dislike all machines) and triumphantly elected his candidate Mayor Wagner.

That made De Sapio the outstanding politician in New York City.

Next he challenged a "gentleman's agreement" that Republican Thomas Dewey had with the Democratic machines that the Republicans should rule in New York State, and the Democrats in New York City.

Again allied with the Liberals, he elected his friend, Democrat Averell Harriman, Governor of the state. That made De Sapio the outstanding politician in New York State.

Note politician. To a Briton, politics is deciding on a programme, advocating it, implementing it. In America that is called statesmanship. Politics is a round of little personal favours culminating in the right vote at election time.

Except when it may affect votes, politics is not concerned with policy. Politics is management. "I am in politics," says De Sapio, "because I like helping people."

He is effective on a platform. His elocution and voice control have so much improved that people say he has been taking lessons. "No. Just practice," says De Sapio.

Look at his photographs, say his enemies. He does photograph as the epitome of the sinister. For one thing, an eye disease forces him to wear tinted spectacles.

In the flesh he has a really fine face, a little puffy about the jaw. He is 6ft. 1in. tall: weighs 14 stone.

He looks a natural ascetic. His thinning hair is long, alternately pure silver and jet black. His followers call him "The Bishop."

He is perfectly well-bred; he has great charm and unobtrusive good manners. He works in shirt sleeves (braces, shirt, collar and tie all match) with a jet-propelled staff. But he himself loses pencils; knocks over the telephone.

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He looks very shrewd and hard; at least 10 years older than his 46. His intimates give him another 10 years before he breaks down.

He leads a devoted life with wife and daughter in a small flat in an un-smart part of town. Even his enemies are agreed that he lives exclusively by his official salary.

He first became important outside Manhattan when he made friends with the unimpeachably respectable Harriman at the last Democratic convention in 1952.

Will he secure Harriman's nomination in 1956?

The principal candidates so far are Adlai Stevenson and Senator Kefauver. The New York delegation itself may contain a few weighty Stevensonians: Senator Herbert Lehman, Mayor Wagner, Eleanor Roosevelt, widow of FDR.

But a deadlock between Stevenson and Kefauver would bring De Sapio's talent for arrangements and accommodations into play. No one can divide a cake into five quarters like he.

While the dogs fought, he might steal the bone.

He says categorically: "I have no foreseeable plans to run for high office myself." He is a backroom boy.

Born of pure Italian stock in a tough district of Manhattan, De Sapio entered politics early. He fought his way up against bitter Irish opposition.

He became the first Italian chairman of Tammany in 1949, when its power was at its lowest. He was Boss at 39 — but only because no one else wanted so thankless a job.

He worked 18 hours a day, seven days a week. He brought the technique of market research into politics — polls, surveys, questionnaires. The art of the Boss is to know better than the exact man what the voters are thinking.

He decided that the Hall must be made respectable. He adopted a slogan: Good Government is Good Politics.

As if to prove he had no cloven hoof, De Sapio left the shadows and pranced himself forward. He accepts eagerly invitations to speak all over U.S.A.

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POLL PROBE DISCLOSURES

By LES ARMOUR

POLITICIANS must have found the London School of Economics survey of "electoral behaviour" gloomy reading.

The academics chose Greenwich for a detailed study of what goes on in a British constituency. They chose it for the obvious reason that Greenwich was an ancient stronghold of Liberalism which, after World War I, swung to the Tories and, ultimately, swung again into the Socialist camp.

In the bitter contests there personalities have often seemed to play a major role.

Yet the report shows that only three out of 10 Greenwich voters could tell the surveyors anything, at all about the candidates. The surveyors asked a simple question: "Do you happen to know what kind of a chap he is?"

Again and again they drew blanks.

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Particular issues didn't seem to make much impact. In the 1950 election the Conservatives campaigned there on the proposition that "Our foreign policy should be based on Empire First."

Not only 75 percent of the Conservatives but 60 percent of the Socialists agreed with the proposition. But it didn't make the Socialists vote Conservative.

The differences in broad policy between Conservatism and Socialism seemed to be the deciding factor. But it wasn't a simple "class" distinction. In the top income group 10 percent of the voters voted Socialist and in the bottom income group 11 percent voted Conservative. In between there was a big split in every group.

That proves, at least, that a major political party in Britain, to hold its supporters, must appeal to more than a narrow class interest.

This Funny World

"We never should have moved upstairs over your boss in the first place!"

• BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

THE farmer who was fined for having a piano aboard a van licensed for agricultural purposes only explained that the piano was taken every day to the cow-stalls, and played to the cows at milking time, with excellent results.

The next day Mr Justice Cockleearrot had to decide whether a van licensed for musical purposes only could be used to harbour a couple of recalcitrant cows as well as a small orchestra. Cockleearrot said: "We shall have farmers taking cows to the opera, before we know where we are. In the present case, the cows should have been tethered to the van, leaving the orchestra in possession. As it is, one cow broke a piccolo while being milked, and the other lowed into the mouth of a trombone; an unconventional duet which scared people on a neighbouring farm."

The dancing cow

AN animal psychiatrist who visits farms to treat cows who ignore music reports that there is a dancing cow on a farm in Wiltshire. When a valse is played by the fiddler attached to the farm the cow makes a few clumsy steps in time to the music. "This," he says, "makes milking more difficult, but is a very pleasant sight." The local agricultural committee says that this cow would be more at home in ballet than on a farm.

Trade secrets

ANY day now enormous strawberries at six shillings each, or four for £2 10s. 0d., will appear in certain shop-windows. They are, of course, made of cardboard, and are used to lure the customer within. Some years ago, Foulenough went into this business and employed a clever craftsman to make these early strawberries, which he sold to fashionable provision merchants. If a customer asks for these strawberries, he is told courteously and regretfully that just before he came into the shop a marchioness had ordered them all. Sticks of plastic asparagus the size of Yule logs are another delicacy prominently displayed.

(See "Trade Secrets": Leaflet 864(n): "How to cover grapes with fine hairs and sell them as early gooseberries.")

• JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Shrewd Defence Downs Contract

By OSWALD JACOBY

TODAY'S hand; taken from a recent national tournament, will gladden the hearts of all players who like elegant defensive play. The key play was made by Charles J. Solomon of Philadelphia.

West opened the three of hearts, and Charlie won with the ace of hearts in the East position. He then considered his chances of defeating the contract.

It was clear that the hearts were hopeless. It was equally clear that West had only small clubs for his raise in that suit. Had he held even the jack of clubs, West would have led that suit rather than venture into the unknown with a heart opening lead.

Diamonds and spades were left. Charlie had a shrewd suspicion about the diamonds, since

NORTH	30
♠ K 10 3	
♥ Q 10 8 4	
♦ J 10 3 2	
♣ 10 6	
WEST (D)	**EAST**
♠ Q 9 8 4	♠ A 8 5 2
♥ K 7 5 3 2	♥ A 9
♦ None	♦ 6 5 4
♣ 9 8 5 3	♣ A 7 4 2
SOUTH	
♠ J 7	
♥ J 6	
♦ A K Q 9 8 7	
♣ K Q J	

Neither side vul.

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	1 ♠	1 N.T.
2 ♣	2 N.T	Pass	3 N.T.
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead—♥ 3

many a no-trumper is based on a long and solid minor suit. This left spades.

The Philadelphia master drew a deep breath and led the deuce of spades back at the second trick. South played low, West finessed the right, and dummy won with the ten. As you will soon see, this was no time for West to play "third hand high."

Declarer next led a club from dummy, and East stepped up with the ace. He returned a heart to West's king, and West properly led the queen of spades. This trapped South's jack and dummy's king at one and the same time, giving the defenders three spade tricks. South was down two at a contract that seemed to be unbeatable.

WOMANSENSE

This practical ensemble designed for the country, or the beach, is called "Zoe". The jersey jumper is in orange and banana yellow; the woollen slacks are in a matching orange. —Agence France-Presse.

A review of three cookery books written in three different styles

How To Improve Your Culinary Art . . .

A COOKERY book "as readable as a novel or as a book of short stories . . ."

That is how Clement Freund and Aldan Philip introduce their translation of "L'Aventure est dans votre Cuisine" by Marie-Paul Pomaret and Helene Cingria, just published in London by Max Parrish under the title "Be Bold in your Kitchen" (15/-).

The extent to which the translators' claim is justified depends perhaps upon the enthusiasm of the reader and would-be cook.

This book contains many ideas which may well appear rather revolutionary to an English cook—such as serving cherry sauce with roast hare, adding beaten egg whites to mashed potatoes or cooking fillet steak in a red-hot saucepan without any fat at all.

It details a list of "musts" for the kitchen equipment which would probably be regarded as far nearer the maximum than the minimum by most British housewives. It can certainly leave no reader in doubt about the expense of housekeeping. Almost every recipe orders, recommends, or slyly urges the addition of cream, and most demand at least three eggs.

AMUSING, WITTY

But it is amusing and sometimes witty. It will certainly inspire a more adventurous spirit in British kitchens if its readers follow its counsels. The translators tell us that it "is designed to stop the nation slipping back into its culinary apathy."

Their advice is: "Read it, go into your kitchen, and the meal that you serve up will be your own, prompted by an inspiring text and not just 'something out of one of those new French cookery books'."

He will, however, do best first to visit his shops and procure a couple of dozen eggs, a practically inexhaustible supply of cream and a keen appetite.

While there are no mistakes in translation which either make the text incomprehensible or distort it, the translators might do well to remember, for example, that in cookery the French word "parfum" usually means "flavour"—not "perfume", always, in English, limited to the sense of smell.

THE GASTRONOMER

Gastronomic adventures in Britain and on the continent of Europe are the subject of Mr Victor MacClure's "Good Appetite My Companion" (published by Odhams Press Ltd., London—15/-).

The basis of this book is reminiscence—of a delicious steak at Dundee, rillettes in Anjou, roast sucking pig in Majorca, sole Normande or the bouillabaisse of Provence. But the reader may also learn, if he will, how to produce for himself most of the delectable dishes mentioned, along with many another gastronomic treat awaiting him in towns and provinces from Glasgow to La Coruna, and from Wick to Innsbruck, Rome and Istanbul.

Above all, this book is the journal of a self-confessed gourmand who makes no excuse or apology for his liking for and interest in good food.

More conventional, in the sense that it is a book of straight recipes, is the new and revised edition of "Madame Prunier's Fish Cookery Book", edited by Ambrose Heath for Hutchinson & Co, London. (12/6d).

Here are 1,000 recipes for fish dishes, many of them "Specialites de la Maison" in those famous restaurants in London and Paris bearing the name of Prunier.

Nor are the dishes confined to those made with luxury species of fish. It deals also, as Madame Prunier herself says in her Foreword, "with those (fish) that are — so erroneously — known as 'common'."

"I firmly believe," she adds, "that all fish are equally good if they reach the table fresh, well cooked, tastefully served, and if my recipes persuade my readers to ask their fishmongers for cod, hake, sea bream, herring, skate, rock salmon, gurnard and the rest, I shall be well pleased."

Madame Prunier stresses that the book "offers scope in its variety of dishes for cooks of all degrees of experience. For the beginner there are recipes of the utmost simplicity; for the *cordon bleu* there is something more elaborate; and the *blase* will find the original and unusual. All are alike, however, in being extremely good to eat."

And to help the novice to recognise his fish, Marthurin Meheut has drawn most of them "in the raw" and some of them after "treatment" as prescribed by Madame Prunier.

THE SOCIAL SIDE

If anyone, having chosen his menu and prepared his meal after the advice of these three experts should need help with the social side of his entertaining, he will probably find it in "Short Cut to Etiquette" (published by World's Work Ltd, Surrey — 7/6d).

In this booklet, Edith M. Barber tells her readers what to do on every occasion, in any kind of company, anywhere.—China Mail Special.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Baked tomato stuffed with cooked spinach or kale makes a tasty lunch or supper dish. Simply scoop out the inside of a firm tomato and fill it with hot seasoned greens. A dash of grated cheese on top adds flavour and colour.

To remove light coffee and tea stains from plastic dishes, soak in a mixture of baking soda and water. Darker stains should be removed with one of the commercial cleaners. Other cleaners and bleaches can damage the plastic.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Mr. Top Is In Trouble

—He Could Do Nothing Without A Bit of String—

By MAX TRELL

THIS is the story that Christopher Cricket told to his friends, Knarf and Hanid, the shadows with the turned-about names.

"It happened yesterday," Christopher began, "yesterday afternoon while I was walking down the street.

"Some children had been playing near the corner but when I came up they were gone. No one was around at all. I was just about to turn back when I heard a little voice calling out: 'Cricket! Cricket! Please come here a moment.'"

Strange Little Man

"Who was it, Christopher?" asked Knarf. "Did you say no one was there?"

"Yes," said Christopher. "No one was there—at least no one seemed to be there. But when I looked very closely, I found a strange little man in a red coat and white pants lying on his side against a fence. He was quite round and fat and his legs were so close together and his toes were so pointed that they seemed to be just one leg and just one toe.

"'Oh, dear,' I said to this strange little man, 'you've fallen over, haven't you?'

"'My name is Mr Top,' said the little man. 'I was doing a dance for the children who live in the house at the corner of the street. It was quite a fast dance—more like a spin than anything.

"'I kept it up for quite a while but finally I started wobbling. I tried my best to keep from falling. But it was impossible. Over I went, right against this fence.

Top Toppled

"'I'd like you to do me a small favour, if you would.'

"'Certainly,' I said. 'What would you want me to do?'

"Mr Top answered: 'Just help me to my feet again. I can't seem to get myself up by myself. I've been getting a bit too fat.'

"So," said Christopher Cricket, "I helped Top to his feet. He stood for an instant, lost his balance, shouted 'Help! I'm falling!' and toppled over again. 'Tops always topple,' said Christopher Cricket.

"'Now, look here, Top,' I said, 'I don't think I can make you stand unless you're spinning.'

"'I guess you're right about that,' sighed Top. 'Well, can you get me spinning?'

"'I can't without a string,' I told Top.

"'Always a string, always a string,' Top said. 'Nothing seems to happen to me unless someone winds a string around my legs and gives me a throw. Why do I always have to have a string!'

"'That's what makes you spin,' I explained to Top.

"But the Top didn't like to hear that. He said he did his own spinning.

Ballet Dancer

"'I'm a dancer,' he said. 'Once I get on my feet I start whirling and spinning just like a ballet dancer and no one ever winds any strings around the legs of a ballet dancer, do they?'

"'No,' I said. 'Ballet dancers just spin by themselves but you're not a ballet dancer—you're a top.'

"'Yes,' sighed the Top again. 'I suppose that does make a difference.'

"And just then," Christopher said to Knarf and Hanid, "I saw the children coming back to look for the Top. They found him soon enough. Then one of the little boys wound a string around the Top's legs and gave him a throw.

"No one had to hold him up now," said Christopher, smiling as he thought about it. "Top stood straight up, on the tip of his toes, spinning so fast that you couldn't tell his front from his back or one side from another. All you could see was his red coat, and his white pants. All you could hear was his hum of joy to be dancing again."

"That was a wonderful adventure," Hanid said to Christopher Cricket. "I wish we could talk to a top."

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One of the little boys found Mr Top.

Rupert and the Winter Woolly—16

Rupert explains how he found the caterpillar and the fringe leaf after the great wind had passed. "Well," says Mrs. Bear after she has got over her surprise, "it certainly is alive. The poor thing must be frozen. Let's take it into a warmer room." Just then there is a knock at the door and Rupert sees Willie standing there holding another giant leaf. "I found this after you left me," cries the little mouse, "and look, there are three more of these wonderful woollies, and they're all walking about, oh!"

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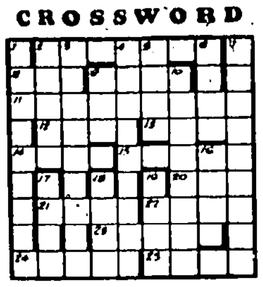
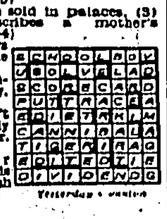


Across

2. London this used to be heard over the air regularly. (7)
6. Half a drum beat. (3)
9. American soldier before the right short way. (6)
11. Among the ambits an I.O.U. (9)
12. Often describes the host. (4)
13. It has dropped to the bottom. (4)
14. He stars with Othello. (4)
15. The master of these is a legal light. (5) 20. Sorrow. (3)
21. This kind of spring is found in 22 Across. (4)
22. A seat—not necessarily in Parliament. (4)
23. Lightly amorous one. (5)
24. A disused machine may become so. (5)
26. A disused garden may be infested with them. (4)

Down

1. He sells pen, paper, and ink. (9)
2. It indicates a pause. (5)
3. There are two meanings for anything this. (9)
4. Later lily (anag.). (9)
5. Girl with flags? (4)
6. Divided into three parts by Caesar. (4)
7. They are the dearest at any show. (4, 5)
8. Used to be sold in palaces. (3)
10. Often describes a mother's hands. (4-4)
16. It's always found at the top. (4)
17. Cure another way. (4)
18. This isn't necessarily worked for. (4)
19. A minor part of this is a Turkish delight. (4)

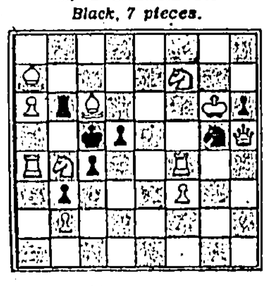


Yesterday's solution

CHESS PROBLEM

By E. SALARDINI

Black, 7 pieces.



White, 11 pieces.

White to play: mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. Q—K5, any; 2. Q, R, Kt (ch, or dis ch), or P (dis ch) mates.

CARD Sense

Q—The bidding has been:

South	West	North	East
1 Heart	2 Clubs	2 Diamonds	Pass
?			

You, South, hold:

♠K 4 ♥A K Q J 4 3 ♦K J 9 5 2 ♣0

What do you do?

A—Bid three clubs. You expect to bid 4 no-trump next in the hope of reaching a grand slam if North has the right two aces. You will not settle for less than six hearts.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold:

♠A 4 ♥A K J 7 4 3 ♦K J 9 5 2 ♣0

What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

TARGET

L	H	R
I	I	G
N	T	L

HOW many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters in the squares on the left? In making each word the letters in each of the small squares may be used once only. Each word must contain the large letter in the centre square, and there must be at least one nine-letter word in the list. No plurals; no foreign words; no proper names. TODAY'S TARGET: 18 words, good; 23 words, very good; 27 words, excellent. Solution tomorrow.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION: arrive aver avert avian aviate divert native NARRATIVE native naive navel raven ravin ravine rive riven river rives taverna vain vair vane variant vein vena vert vine vint.

YOUR BIRTHDAY . . . By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30

BORN today, you have a keen head for careful detail. You are a sharp observer of human beings and can get at motivation behind the surface facts with a great deal of care. You also understand human nature and since you have a sense of humour, you can poke fun at mankind's foibles, good-naturedly but pointedly. You probably will speak in public as fluently as you write and should select a career in which you meet the public.

It is likely that you would do well as a reporter, a lawyer or promotional executive. You can consider things in the long view as well as seeing them in the most minute detail. You like to analyse, classify and then deduct from your facts the basic truth of the matter.

You are charming, diplomatic and tactful under all situations. You are fond of travel and will make friends all over the globe. Although you are not one to show your emotions, you are warmly affectionate. Attractive to members of the opposite sex, you probably will have many admirers.

Among those born on this date are: Charles Dillingham, producer; Cornelia Otis Skinner, Mrs Spencer Trask and Ludwig Lewisohn, authors; Peter the Great of Russia; Rosa Raisa, singer; Benny Goodman, musician, and Countee Cullen, poet.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

THURSDAY, MAY 31

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—The morning hours are the best. Get in your best licks then! Sit back after lunchtime and relax tensions.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—Day-dreams are fine if you do not let them become delusional. Keep at least one foot on the ground.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)—Be wise in all your decisions and act carefully, for haste can make considerable waste today!

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—You may have a fine inspiration this morning. Mull it over for a while. Make plans for putting it in action.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—There can be some confusion today unless you approach everything in a highly practical fashion.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—If you make smart and wise decisions, then all is well. But be very sure of the facts before you start.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—This can prove an active day, but there are cross-currents which can frustrate your best intentions!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Let your imagination run riot—just so long as you postpone action on the new plan until later.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—For you, it is best not to overanticipate. Be practical and keep both feet solidly on the ground.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—You should follow your intuitions carefully today. Guard against taking risks and all is well.

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—Personal affairs go well enough during the morning hours, but be on your guard against upset after lunchtime.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Be pleasant, agreeable and don't—whatever the provocation—get into an argument. Keep your own counsel!

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COUNTY CRICKET

SUSSEX INCREASE THEIR LEAD TO 16 POINTS IN CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE

London, May 29.

Sussex, shooting Essex out for 76 runs today, increased their lead in the County Cricket Championship table to 16 points over their victims, who are still second.

Essex, set to score 122 in 145 minutes, seemed almost sure of winning when Brian Taylor and Doug Insole took the score to 58 before the third wicket fell.

But great medium-fast bowling by Ian Thomson and Donald Smith, supported by splendid fielding, brought about a collapse in which the last five wickets fell for one run.

Thomson took four for 13 and Smith four for 15 to bring Sussex victory with eight minutes of the extra half hour to spare.

Surrey, the reigning Champions, suffered their third defeat in six games this season when they lost by ten runs to Gloucestershire in a thrilling finish.

Set to get 150 for victory, Surrey, whose spin bowlers have upset so many opponents, received a taste of their own medicine. They were put out for 139, and Gloucestershire avenged Saturday's ignominy of being skittled for 52.

John Mortimore, Gloucestershire right-arm off spinner, took five for 23, and Cecil Cook claimed four for 54 with his left-arm slows.

Surrey's Peter May, England captain for the first test against Australia at Nottingham next week, reached 15,000 runs when he had made 24 of his knock of 34.

May, 20, made his first class debut in 1948, but played little until 1950, when he gained his Cambridge Blue and also began his association with Surrey.

LEADING POSITIONS

Leading positions after today's games were: Sussex 56 points, Essex 40, Lancashire 36, Hampshire and Surrey 32 each.

Laddie Outschoorn, Worcestershire's Singhalese batsman, saved his side from defeat by Hamphire by batting throughout the second innings for 154 not out. He took six and a half hours to compile his highest score for two seasons, hitting one six and 22 fours.

Outschoorn was joined by Martin Horton with Worcestershire 77 for four in their second innings after following on 174 behind. Together they put on 161 runs at nearly one a minute, Horton adding 78 to his first innings 70 not out.

Yorkshire, languishing midway down the list, were probably saved from defeat by rain. Middlesex, with eight wickets left, needed only 101 runs for victory when drizzling rain turned into a steady downpour. —Reuter.

These Horses Should Pay Their Way Later This Season

By RICHARD BAERLEIN

Mr Jack Joel's Cronus should come high up on any list of horses likely to pay their way. This grey son of Hyperion looks better than a high-class handicapper, in which type of race his efforts have been concerned so far.

He won three of his six races last season—all over eight furlongs—but I thought his best effort was in the Cambridgeshire, in which he carried 8 st. 7 lb. into sixth place—beaten no more than two lengths by the winner.

He carried a high weight for a three-year-old, and was trying to give the winner, Retrial, 20lb.

Cronus has appeared only once this season—in the Jubilee Handicap at Kempton.

Still looking as well as ever, he was not disgraced, considering that it was his first outing of the season, and I think there is every prospect of him doing as well this season as he has done in the past two years.

He is a colt who should not be left out until he has shown a profit.

GOOD SPRINTER

Cecil Boyd-Rochfort is more concerned with middle-distance horses and stayers than with sprinters. However he will be singularly unlucky if he does not win a good sprint handicap with Dentale, a son of Denturius.

This colt is growing into a useful-looking horse and he had all the bad luck that was going at Hurst Park the other day.

After two furlongs he was three lengths behind the last horse but, once he got into his stride, he ran on well.

In his previous race at Kempton he had finished well when beaten less than three lengths by Vigo, who was giving him only 9lb.

It may easily be that Dentale will show greater advantage over six furlongs but he should not be left out, no matter what the company, in his next two or three races in handicaps.

I wrote a good deal about Carefree Pete earlier in the season after visiting Peter Thrale's stable but he was off the racecourse from April 5 until winning at Hurst Park recently.

Even then I doubt if we saw the best of this colt, for he certainly was not relishing the firm ground, and only his great gameness enabled him to overcome this difficulty and secure a narrow verdict.

If it ever rains again Carefree Pete will continue his improvement, for he is still by no means the finished racehorse and possesses plenty of scope.

It would be a mistake to write off his stable companion, Bois Meridh, so early in the season for this is another colt who has not had the going to suit him since March.

OVER 1¼ MILES

Though he scored twice over a mile and a quarter last season, I still think a longer distance will prove to his advantage, and it should be noted that all his races this year have so far been over a mile and a quarter.

I have still every confidence that this colt will reward his followers when conditions are right.

One of the biggest gambles to go astray during the holiday period was that of Mr Stanley Wootton's Ricardus at Hurst Park when he was beaten narrowly by Affreux.

Ricardus is a very well-bred black colt by Honeyway from a Hyperion mare. He ran only three times as a two-year-old and twice as a three-year-old.

It was the first time he had been placed but from his present handicap mark he should be able to win next time out.

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Seven Australian Cricketers Are Ill Or Injured

London, May 29.

The Australian cricketers have run into injury and illness trouble with just over a week to go before the first Test at Nottingham.

Ian Craig, 20-year-old batsman, entered a London hospital today with a high temperature and stomach trouble, and all-rounder Ron Archer, who strained his back yesterday, is expected to be out of action for at least a week.

Craig will probably remain in hospital for two or three days for observation.

Archer's injury may prevent him playing again before the first Test.

Other Australians temporarily out of action are Len Maddocks (chipped finger bone), Alan Davidson (bruised thumb), Ray Lindwal (strained thigh), and Jim Burke and Colin McDonald (leg injuries).

The touring party consists of 17 players.—Reuter.

Britain Chosen To Compete In Olympic Soccer Finals

Amsterdam, May 29.

Britain was tonight chosen to compete in the finals of the Olympic football competition at Melbourne during a surprise meeting of the Olympic Soccer Tournament Committee here.

The 10 finalists will be: Australia, India, Siam, United States, Yugoslavia, Egypt, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Hungary, Britain, Turkey, Germany, and the winners of the Russia-Israel, Philippines-Communist China, Indonesia - Nationalist China, and Korea - Japan eliminating matches.

Turkey and Germany, who had still to play their elimination match, have both been drawn for the finals because of other countries' withdrawals.

The Committee also deal with a request by Indonesia that the Nationalist Chinese flag should not be flown for Indonesia's elimination match for fear of demonstrations.

The Committee ruled that Nationalist China must play under the FIFA flag, and that if they refused Indonesia would be granted a walkover.

The draw for the finals of the Olympic tournament will be held next September in Zurich. —Reuter.

WOOD WINS 1,500M RACE

Ken Wood of Britain, winning the 1,500 metres international event at the British Games at White City, London on May 19. Time: 3 minutes 43.4 seconds. The Hungarians I. Rozsavolgyi and L. Tabori were second and third.—Reuterphoto.

KEN WOOD AIMS AT WORLD MILE RECORD

By DOUG WILSON

A new world Mile record of 3 min. 57 sec. That is the ambition of Ken Wood, 25-year-old Sheffield paint salesman, who, in the British Games at the London White City on May 19 slammed world stars Istvan Rozsavolgyi and Laszlo Tabori of Hungary in a blistering 3 min. 43.4 sec.

But there will be no special record attempt by Wood, quite the most unassuming British track star since Sydney Wooderson. Wood, who is confident of his ability to clip John Landy's world record of 3 min. 58 sec., is equally sincere when he says: "I only run to win races."

Although he is now recognised as a leading contender for the Olympic 1,500 metres title, it was less than two weeks ago that British team manager Jack Crump was urging him to forsake the 1,500 metres for the 5,000 metres.

KNOWS BEST

Then I felt inclined to agree with Crump, but Wood gave his answer in no uncertain terms at the time, and now he has once again proved that athletes generally know what is best for themselves.

What a strange contrast Wood and the Hungarians made in their pre-race preparations on Saturday. The Magyars, carefully looked after by their coach Iglol, had a scientifically prepared meal of fresh fruit only about two hours before the race.

Wood, staying in the same London hotel, has as little time for such diets as he has for coaches. About the same time he devoured a large plate of chicken and ham salad, ordered the same again, ate it, then sent the waitress scurrying for an outsize fruit salad. All this was washed down with two cups of coffee.

In finishing fourth to Wood on Saturday, Gordon Pirie clocked 3min. 46.2sec., his best-ever for the distance and wonderful running for a six-miler. But I refuse to wave the Pirie flag until he is running faster over six miles and 10,000 metres than when he was at his best three years ago.

Mike Ruddy, with two 9.9 sec. 100 yards, is going particularly well. Also improved is A.A.A. 100-yard Champion Roy Sandstrom. And at 29 years of age, former European Champion Brian Shenton has reason to be pleased with his third placing in the 200 metres.

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ARMY CYCLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Pte A. W. Jackson, of 12 Coy, RAMC, won the Army Individual 25 Miles Road Time Trial Cycling Championship in a time of 59 mins. 39 secs. with Sigmn. B.D. Hawkridge, of Training Regt., Royal Signals, 28 secs. behind. Pte. F. C. Hopkins, of 2 Training Batln, RASC, was third, a further 46 secs. in arrears. The Army Inter-Unit Team Championship, held in conjunction with the Individual race, went to 10 Command Workshops REME, who beat 2 Training Batln, RASC, by 39 secs. with three men scoring. 1 Training Regt., Royal Signals, was third.

Summer Football League Entries

A total of nine entries in the Senior division and 15 entries in the Junior division for the summer flood-light soccer league were received. The league will commence on June 10.

This was disclosed at a meeting of the summer flood-light soccer league committee held at the Tai Tung Restaurant yesterday, with Mr L. J. Channing in the chair.

It was decided that only nine teams are to compete in the Junior division; a draw to fix the nine teams will be made on Saturday, June 2 at 3 p.m. at SCAA, Caroline Hill.

The annual dinner to players, officials and Press, given by the Hongkong Chinese Football Association, was held after the meeting.

Following are the entries:

Senior: South China, Sing Tao, Kitchee, KMB, Eastern, Kwong Wah, YCAA, Gymnastics and Tung Wah.

Junior: Chu Kwong, Happy Valley, Yin-Ngai, Kung Sheung, Wah Nam, Tramways, Huk Fei, Kou Shui, Tung Fook, Po Luen, On Bing, Hong Lok, Tsui Yuen, Shaukiwan and Solicitors.

EVEN IF WE DON'T EVER WIN . . .

THE WIGHTMAN OR DAVIS CUP— THINGS WILL COME RIGHT IN THE END

By ARCHIE QUICK

The progress of Britain's two lawn tennis Angelas—Angela Buxton of London and Angela Mortimer of Torquay—in the French Championships in Paris recalls to mind the prophecy of Dan Maskell, the National coach. Four years ago at Wimbledon he said to me: "I think we are just beginning to see the light". He was referring to the long road of non-success along which Britain's lawn tennis players had trodden since the last War.

Maskell, once Wimbledon club coach, now Lawn Tennis Association coach and himself the best of England's professionals, had applied himself for years to a seemingly hopeless task... Apart from Tony Mottram and Geoff Paish he had no material to work upon. What was more there appeared to be no talent coming along. But Maskell refused to be depressed even though there was not a Fred Perry or a Dorothy Round in sight.

Those four years ago he said: "Things will come right in the end even if we don't ever win the Wightman or Davis Cups. I think we have some useful girls and he mentioned a 17-year-old Miss Buxton and a 16-year-old Miss Mortimer. How right he was. By sheer hard work they have both reached the top and there are one or two others like the Misses Haydon, Bloomer, Truman, Hird and Ward upon their heels.

Becker, Wilson, Barrett, Davies and Knight comprise an ever improving male squad.

WIGHTMAN CUP CHANCE

Maskell was at Wimbledon and just off to Paris when I spoke to him again last week. "Years of hard work are just beginning to bear fruit. I am not saying so, but several well-informed people are, that we have a Wightman Cup chance. The United States have never been so unimpressive, but they are always dangerous. But I do think we can get nearer than ever before."

Maskell told me that Fred Perry has been engaged to give intensive coaching to our young men and women. He can tell them of all the finer points of the game, its technique and strategies, but I wonder if he can instil into them some of the never-say-die fighting spirit which lifted him to the top. In the case of one or two of them, I think he can. Added Maskell: "The only way anyone can succeed in this game is by grit and constant practice. Natural ability is a great help, of course, but not enough."

Maskell says Miss Christine Truman is our greatest prospect since Miss Round.

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With the early defeats of champion Surrey and runners-up Yorkshire, this could be the year for one of the "unfashionable" counties to win the Cricket Championship. Hampshire and Sussex have both made a brilliant opening challenge for the South and Northamptonshire and Worcestershire are doing very nicely in the Midlands. My personal fancy, however, is Lancashire who will not be worried so much as Surrey and Yorkshire by Test Match calls.

For some seasons now the representatives of the Red Rose have been steadily building a team and the manner in which they slammed Yorkshire at Headingly was most impressive. Moreover, they are blessed with the wise captaincy of Cyril Washbrook. In batting, bowling and fielding, they are a strong all-round side.

The early summer play of Sussex and Hampshire, however, must not be overlooked. Of their five matches, Hampshire won four outright and narrowly missed making it a 100 per cent record in the other. What was their weakest department last summer, batting, has now blossomed into their strength and Derek Shackleton and Vic Cannings are as deadly a pair of bowlers as ever.

For Sussex, Ian Thomson has been among the wickets, but the big feature here has been consistent batting. Jim Parks has the highest aggregate for the country and it is just possible he will join the few who have reached 1,000 runs in May. This after the disastrous tour of Pakistan.

Senior professional and opening lefthand bat Don Smith has scored well and taken a lot of wickets while at the moment Alan Oakman is just about the finest all-rounder in England. Parks and Oakman are in the running for Test places.

BATTING BOOTS

It was said when John Langridge retired, Sussex would feel the draught but Oakman has effectively stepped into his batting boots and a youngster named Lawrence is snapping all the catches that go to the slips with the same ease as Langridge.

Peter Richardson's glut of runs for Worcestershire has surely earned him a place as opener for England in the first Test at Nottingham, while the speed of Frank Tyson at Northamptonshire has been allied to the spin of two newcomers—Kelleher from Surrey and Manning from Australia to make Northamptonshire "dark horses" for the title.

Bowling more than batting wins matches. Yorkshire, Surrey, Lancashire, Hampshire, Northants and Sussex have it in great variety and I would name these half-dozen counties as from whom the champions will spring next September.

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Who'd be a county cricket club captain? Lots of people, I suppose, but the job can carry a load of trouble with it besides its pleasures.

Take the Portsmouth wicket, for instance. It has a reputation for waywardness as evil as any in the country, and the average skipper is only too glad to lose the toss and pass the responsibility of batting or not on to his rival. Robin Marlar had that decision to make when he won the toss for Sussex. Nine times out of ten the home captain, Desmond Eagar, puts the other side in, but after long and earnest deliberation Marlar decided to bat.

The gamble came off and Sussex totalled 315. The reason, as the groundsman told me, was that the early morning dew had been dried out by a high wind. It could have been so different when those canny bowlers Derek Shackleton and Vic Cannings are attacking.

Now to the second innings. The Portsmouth wicket does not wear quickly, and is expected to play easily on the second day. Not a bit of it. It turned vicious this time and Sussex, metaphorically raising their eyebrows, were all out for a surprised 55. The previously innocuous Shackleton and Cannings reaped a merry harvest, as did Malcolm Heath, who, in the first innings, had deplorable bowling figures. So, I say, who'd be a county cricket club captain?

HIS OLD PAL

At Portsmouth I met Alec Kennedy, who, with Jack Newman thirty and more years ago, used to be to Hampshire what Cannings and Shackleton are today. Kennedy, now 65, had just heard from his old pal Newman, who has lived in South Africa for many years, and Jack, despite his 69 years, said that he had just played in a match in Johannesburg, and had met the former Hampshire wicket-keeper, Neil McCorkell, now domiciled there.

Desmond Eagar, one of fourteen men who were playing in first-class cricket twenty years ago, is now the senior county captain. He is also club secretary and justifiably is proud of the fact that Hampshire finished third last season, highest ever. He has been responsible for unearthing a number of home players and the side now averages only 27 years, despite two or three of them being on the wrong side of 30. Bowling was Hampshire's forte last season, but emphasis has been laid on good fielding. Eagar sets a personal example. Few catches are dropped and many runs are saved in the field.

LEAGUE TENNIS

The following were the results of tennis matches in the Men's "B" Division and Ladies' "B" Division played yesterday:

MEN'S "B" DIVISION

LRC lost to Urban C by 1-8

D. Green and P. Anderson (LRC) lost to W.K. Chung and S.H. Leung, 0-6; lost to P. Samsook and C.H. Cheng 2-6; beat W.C. Chung and M.K. Yung 6-4.

E. Zuisut and F. Stuckey (LRC) lost to Chung and Leung 3-6; lost to Samsook and Cheng 1-6; lost to Chung and Yung 4-6.

L. Lutkins and G. Norton (LRC) lost to Chung and Leung 1-6; lost to Samsook and Cheng 2-6; lost to Chung and Yung 2-6.

CCSRC 1 SCAA 8

George Lin and D.D. Yue (CCSRC) lost to F.K. Hu and B.S. Lee 2-6; lost to D. Choy and P.K. Tong 4-6; drew with L.T. Lee and M. Fung 6-6.

Samuel Zee and C.C. Yue (CCSRC) lost to F.K. Hu and B.S. Lee 4-6; drew with D. Choy and P.K. Tong 6-6; lost to L.T. Lee and M. Fung 6-7.

Z.F. Zou and K.Y. Chang (CCSRC) lost to F.K. Hu and B.S. Lee 3-6; lost to D. Choy and P.K. Tong 5-7; lost to L.T. Lee and M. Fung 4-6.

KTGCA 6 CCC 3

R. Hung and L. Lum (KTGCA) lost to H. Rumjahn and Bob Baker 3-6; beat H.H. Tsou and Sof Faller 6-2; beat L.F. de Sousa and E.M. Pereira 6-2.

C. Hung and T.E. Ling (KTGCA) beat H. Rumjahn and Bob Baker 6-2; lost to H.H. Tsou and Sof Faller 4-6; beat L.F. de Sousa and E.M. Pereira 6-2.

K.C. Leung and W. Gillies (KTGCA) lost to H. Rumjahn and Bob Baker 3-6; beat H.H. Tsou and Sof Faller 6-3; beat L.F. de Sousa and E.M. Pereira 6-3.

LADIES' "B"

SCAA 7 CCC 2

Miss Phoa and Mrs Somsook (SCAA) beat Miss A. Marker and Miss D. Madgett 6-4; beat Miss S. Rumjahn and Miss P. Dhabher 6-0; beat Miss S. Sorrea and C. Chang 7-5.

Miss P. Kho and Miss K.K. Ng (SCAA) beat Miss A. Marker and Miss D. Madgett 6-4; beat S. Rumjahn and Miss P. Dhabher 6-1; beat Miss S. Sorrea and C. Chang 6-2.

Mrs L. Dao and Miss E. Chan (SCAA) lost to Miss A. Marker and Miss D. Madgett 2-6; beat Miss S. Rumjahn and Miss D. Dhabher 6-1; lost to S. Sorrea and Mrs C. Chang 4-6.

USRC 6 CCC 5

Mrs M. Easterbrook and Mrs B. Irving (USRC) drew with Mrs W.C. Chung and Mrs P.S. Chung 6-6; beat Mrs C. Cheung and Mrs I.B. Lam 6-1; lost to Miss Y.Y. Tsui and Mrs E.D. Chok 1-6.

Mrs O. Wright and Miss P. Wright (USRC) drew with Mrs W.C. Chung and Mrs P.S. Chung 6-6; lost to Mrs C. Cheung and Mrs I.B. Lam 5-7; lost to Miss Y.Y. Tsui and Mrs E.D. Chok 2-6.

Mrs K. Stoney and Mrs J. Shipley (USRC) lost to Mrs W.C. Chung and Mrs P.S. Chung 3-6; beat Mrs C. Cheung and Mrs I.B. Lam 6-4; beat Miss Y.Y. Tsui and Mrs E.D. Chok 6-4.

Owing to their non-appearance, KCC conceded a walkover to Recreio (1).

CCC Bowls Team

The following players have been selected to represent the Craigengower Cricket Club in their Third Division league lawn bowls match against the Filipino Club today at Happy Valley at 5.15 p.m.

L. J. Wade, J. Redman, J. A. Fox, R. G. Barros (Skip); L. M. Silva, D. Rozario, D. A. Nelsh, J. Pau (Skip); C. T. Eager, A. E. H. Castro, S. R. Bolino, M. Q. Wong (Skip).

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I HAVE MY SAY

ARCHIE'S SILENT PARTNER WANTS NEUTRAL REFEREE AT HARRINGAY ON JUNE 5

By HARRY CARPENTER

Charley Johnston, Archie Moore's manager, who so far has been a silent partner in the firm of Moore Pronouncements Unlimited, is about to speak up.

What he has to say to us is this: "We feel that in the interests of fair play and all that sort of thing, it would be a jolly fine idea if my Archie and your Yolande Pompey performed in front of a neutral referee at Harringay on June 5."

Or words to that effect.

The actual effusion was drawn up by Johnston in Room 534 at the Mayfair Hotel, London, the other night, put into a letter, and addressed to the British Boxing Board of Control.

I have already told Mr Johnston what to expect by way of reply—a cool note that "a first-class referee will be appointed."

I also told him it is a pound to a penny that the referee chosen will be British, to which Mr Johnston replied: "Well, there's no harm in asking, is there?"

NOT FASHIONABLE

The truth is that, in Britain and America, neutral referees for World Championship fights are not considered fashionable.

Randolph Turpin and Don Cockell both boxed under American referees when they went to the States on world title business.

It may dishearten Mr Johnston to know that, since the war, in the six universally recognised world title fights staged here in which Britons have faced foreigners the referees have always been British.

The fights were: Mills v. Lesnevich (two), Williams v. James, Monaghan v. Sandeyron, Allen v. Pratesi, and Turpin v. Robinson.

The referees: Eugene Henderson, Teddy Waltham, C. B. Thomas, and Moss Deyong.

I think Mr Johnston may have heard that Teddy Waltham, who gave up refereeing several years ago and is now secretary of our Board of Control, is off to Rome next month to handle, at the Italians' invitation, the World Bantam match between Robert Cohen (France) and Mario d'Agata (Italy).

He probably envisages some sort of reciprocal arrangement, with our Board asking for an Italian referee to come and handle Moore v. Pompey.

ITS A SLUR

I should be more than surprised if that happens. In any case, this business of seeking "neutral" referees is a slur on referees as a whole.

To hint that Britain's A-star class officials (those qualified to handle world title bouts) are anything but impartial in their judgment strikes me as being in most questionable taste.

Going back to the four British referees I mentioned earlier, I find that two are English (Waltham, Deyong), one Scottish (Henderson), and one Welsh (Thomas).

Wouldn't it be a neat idea to "box the compass," and appoint Andrew Smyth, of Belfast, for Moore v. Pompey?

Smyth was the man entrusted with the second Gavilan-Waterman fight. The rumpus over the first, when Gavilan was declared a loser, was probably at the back of Mr Johnston's mind as he penned his letter that night.

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Barrett Can Aid British Victory

Says ERIC NICHOLLS

Bobby Wilson is out, John Barrett is in. These are the only changes in Britain's Davis Cup team which meets Chile at Bristol on May 31, June 1 and 2.

So Barrett, the former Cambridge University captain, gets his first Davis Cup match at 25.

It is in many ways unfortunate that sickness prevented Wilson making the trip to Belgrade. He lost the chance of consolidating his position in the team.

Barrett, however, has had a claim staked for some time. His value to the side will be in the Doubles where he and Becker have formed a more than useful pair on several occasions.

He could be a useful reserve Singles player, too. He defeated Becker in the recent Hurlingham tournament. That was after the team against Jugoslavia had been selected.

Chile will be no push-over. But although Jugoslavia had no players in world class, the British youngsters showed remarkably fine tennis and temperament in dealing with everything that came their way in Belgrade, including lengthy intervals because of rain.

FIVE-LOVE, WIN

The five-love win by this three man team—when Wilson withdrew it was too late to appoint a deputy—was no mean performance.

The man they will have to watch most at Bristol is Louis Ayala, veteran Davis Cup player and a regular Wimbledon personality. Another stalwart, Arthur Hammersley, was beaten in the recent French Championships by Britain's Michael Davies. And it was on the slow hard courts on which the Chilean has been brought up.

So, with Barrett as a steadying influence, I think Britain can shake Chile to defeat.

Indeed, it may well be now or never for these young British starlets. They should have reached tennis maturity by now. If not, Britain will have to start looking for new talent.

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Family "Hat-Trick"

Gordon Ellwood completed an unusual family "hat trick" when he scored three goals for Penrith Juniors in the Lonsdale Cup Final in Cumberland. In 1937 his eldest brother Ernest was in the same side in the same Final, and so was brother William in 1950. Strange thing is that they each scored three goals in the Final, but Gordon is the only one to collect a winner's medal.

Thanks Mr Extras

Not often is "Mr Extras" top scorer in a winning cricket team, but that is what happened in the match between Colne Grammar School Old Boys and Christ Church in the Colne (Lancs) Sunday School League. John Horrison, fast bowler of Christ Church, took nine wickets for eight runs, but extras totalled 18 and the Old Boys' score reached 45. That was sufficient for victory for Christ Church were all out for 30.

TENNIS

Britain's Wightman Cup Team Named

London, May 29.

Britain's Wightman Cup Women's lawn tennis team to play the United States at Wimbledon June 15-16 was named today as follows:

Shirley Bloomer, Angela Buxton, Angela Mortimer and Pat Ward. Non-playing captain is Mrs. Mary Halford.—United Press.

All-Rounder Weekes

Everton Weekes, the West Indian Test Match star, is performing great deeds for Bacup in the Lancashire League. He was twice not out in his first four innings, and his total of 274 runs gave him an average of 137 to top the League. But in the fifth innings he was run out for twelve. He is doing well with the ball too, his 22 wickets for less than nine runs apiece places him third in the honours list. Ken Standring, of Ribblesdale Wanderers, is the star of the Ribblesdale League, for he tops the batting with three innings, twice not out, an aggregate of 119, and an average of the same figure, while his bowling is thirteen wickets for less than five runs each!

OLD BOYS' TIES

What are the odds against a cricket team tieing in two successive matches? Old Edwardians, the Birmingham club, did it though. They played Barnt Green and the scores finished level at 105, and in their next game they met Sparkhill and when it was all over each side had 54! Remarkable too for a cricket match was one of the fielders fracturing a collar bone in collision with a colleague.

LAST SURVIVOR

The odds on a football team winning the Cup and League "double" are remote, but there is one man still alive of the Aston Villa eleven who did the trick in 1896-97 season. He is Albert Evans, the right full back who is now 81 years of age. He is still an active, all-weather scout for Villa, whom he joined 61 years ago.

Once again we welcome a team of basketball players to the Spot of Honour at the Top of the Sports Parade. The reputation of 56 Coy RASC has, of course, stretched far beyond the borders of the Colony and while they have had many brilliant successes I am sure their recent victory over 1st Bn Northamptonshire Regiment in the final of the Major Units Championship gave them a great deal of pleasure and satisfaction.

The Waggoners were, however, beaten in a friendly game not long ago by their arch rivals the Hongkong Chinese Training Unit and it has now been suggested that, as the two teams have won the respective sections of the Championship competition, a challenge match should be arranged between them.

Such a game would be a great attraction and with pleasant memories of a similar challenge between the Major and Minor Tug-of-War Champions — 27 HAA Regt and 33 General Hospital — we can only hope that such a meeting could be arranged.

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Putting the soccer season to bed is almost as difficult as putting the baby to bed and it seems that as far as the British soldier is concerned the game is never really asleep.

The Army representative side still has two interesting matches to play and for the first of these it is expected that the team will travel to Macao on Friday, June 5 for a game against the Portuguese Army. A return game will be played in Hongkong a couple of weeks later.

A FINE GAME

In the last meeting at Macao between the two Armies, the Portuguese were beaten by 3 goals to 2 after a fine game. That was almost exactly two years ago, but last season due to the heavy fixture list it was not possible for the annual match to be staged.

The military authorities in the Portuguese Colony were most anxious that the fixture be resumed and the Army team from Hongkong can be sure of meeting stiff opposition.

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Apparently uninfluenced by the rising temperature Army golfers are still arranging interesting competitions, and, according to reports, getting an excellent response.

The Inter-Unit Knock-out Competition will be held at Fanling during July, when teams of four players from Units, the various Formation Headquarters, and Messes will compete for the premier honour.

The competition is open to the Royal Hongkong Defence Force and also to UK based civilians.

The rules require four Singles matches to be played off scratch and the matches will be decided over the full 18 holes.

This is one of the most popular events on the sporting calendar and it is anticipated that there will be a heavy entry. The entry fee is $8 per team and more than one team may be entered from the same unit. Entries should be sent to Capt D. J. W. Lampard, RA c/o 23 (Gibraltar) HAA Battery, Royal Artillery, BAPO No 1 not later than June 15.

It is appreciated by the organisers that players may be posted away during the competition and in order to be fair to all they have agreed that, should such an incident take place, an eligible player may be brought into the team provided he has not already played for another team in the competition and that the Army Golf Secretary is notified of the change before the match takes places.

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Calling "Hot Rod", I have followed up your query regarding the Forces Motoring Club and I am glad to be able to give you the following information.

The Forces Motoring Club exists for the benefit of serving members of the Armed Forces. Membership is also open in certain circumstances to those who have served in the various services.

It is a non-profit company closely associated with the RAC and full information can be obtained from the Secy, 2 Charterhouse Mews, London EC 1.

COMMONSENSE

There is a most interesting sports item in the latest edition of the Army Medical Services Magazine to reach the Colony and I am indebted to the correspondent who brought it to my notice.

It is part of a letter written by General Sir George Erskine, GCB, KBE, DSO, ADC, on the subject of sport in the Army. It says, inter alia...

"The Army has always encouraged sport of all kinds because it provides good and healthy exercise and a welcome relaxation. Different forms of sport have their different virtues and we should not favour one sport more than another although individual forms of sport cannot expect the same official support as team events.

"I like to see people play hard and be skilful. We shall not get a high standard unless we encourage the first class player and the skilled performer. This is not professionalism but commonsense. At the same time I want as many people as possible to take part in games, including those that are of somewhat long duration such as cricket, and not just watch.

"I am not interested in a unit whose aim is only to produce a team of gladiators. Well organised games for all is the hallmark of a well-run unit. Youngsters must be taught and a high standard of performance and real enthusiasm must be the aim.

"It is perfectly right to be a good loser, but it is better to be a good winner, and it is important that we should encourage a desire and a determination to win — that is good military training.

CONCESSIONS

"No Commanding Officer should feel he is doing anything unmilitary or wrong in giving concessions to assist those who are chosen to represent their Regiment, District, Command or the Army. There are few exercises or parades which will suffer by the absence of a few individuals. At the same time 'concessions' will not cover drafting. It is quite wrong that a soldier should avoid his fair share of overseas service because he is required to 'pack' a team.

"I want Rifle Shooting in the competitive field looked upon as a sport. I hope that as many as possible will enter for the various ARA central and decentralized events. Field sports which are more the province of the officer are to be encouraged. Expense plates some limit on these, but often co-operative efforts can lighten the expense.

"Young officers should be encouraged to shoot and be taught to be safe shots by those who know how to handle a gun. Those who like to have their fun with a horse also have my encouragement.

"The opportunities for sport in the Army are immense and I want to see them used to the full."

In introducing the item the editorial staff of the Army Medical Services Magazine acknowledge the kindness of General Erskine in allowing them to reprint his views on a much discussed topic and they finish with the comment... "and we are sure that this news, so cogently put forward, will find an echo in the minds of our readers". I am just as sure that it will be read with interest by Army sportsmen in Hongkong.

STEPPING STONES

Service in Hongkong seems to be a good stepping stone to soccer success. Last week, I reported the progress of Ginger Higgins and now comes news of another step up the ladder.

When the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders were in the Colony a few years ago Billy Logie was one of their star players and enjoyed a fair share of representative football. He has now broken into the sports news in the UK as he has decided to become a full-time professional with Glasgow Rangers.

Speaking to a pressman recently Logie was loud in his praise of the Chinese footballer. "They are so small" he said "that they simply must keep the ball on the ground the whole time... and on the ground they are quite brilliant..."

I wonder what last Saturday's "Thirteens" will have to say about the Chinese footballers in the years to come...?

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The next Combined Golf Meeting will take place on the New Course on Wednesday, June 6 and will take the form of a Bogey Competition. Cards can be taken out any time after 1 p.m. and the maximum handicap will be 24. A trophy will be awarded to the winner.

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Congratulations to Sgt J. H. Stanbury on some excellent shooting during the Hongkong Rifle Association practice shoot on Sunday. Sgt Stanbury already has a big reputation and he confirmed all the good things that have been said about him by topping the century mark for the first time since rifle shooting was revived in the Colony after the war. He is serving with REME and scored 102 out of a possible 105. Good shooting indeed.

Singapore Beat South Vietnam.

Singapore, May 29.

Singapore defeated the South Vietnamese tourists 2-1 in a floodlit soccer match last night.

The tourists were leading 1-0 at half-time.

Singapore showed themselves much stronger than other Malayan teams the Vietnamese have trounced. Lapses on the part of some Singapore stars and good saving by the goal-keeper prevented the score from being more in Singapore's favour.—Reuter.

Keeping It In The Family

Mansel Cogbill has retired from club cricket in South Wales. He was opening batsman for Llanharan, but his place will be taken by his son Rex. This maintains a tradition, for a Cogbill has opened the Llanharan innings for the last three generations.

Sports Diary

TODAY

Tennis

Men's "C" Division: Section 1: LRC (2) v Recreio (2), CCSRC (3), CCC (1) v CRC (3), SCAA v Urban Council, KTGCA (1) v PORC.

Section 2: KCC v KTGCA (3), COC (3), v HKCC, LRC (1) v KRTC, URRC v Recreio (1), ERC v CCSRC (3).

Mixed "A" Division: HKCC v KCC.

Soccer

Federation Cup: South China v Sing Tao at Caroline Hill, 8.30 p.m.

Bowls

3rd Division: CCC v Filipino Club at 5.30 p.m.

TOMORROW

Bowls

Closing date for Colony Bowls Championships.

Tennis

Men's "D" Division: CRC (3) v KCC (1), CRC (1) v HKC, KCC (3) v KTGCA, LRC v PRC, PORC v POC.

Mixed "B" Division: Urban Council v SCAA, LRC v Recreio, CRC v CCC.

SATURDAY

Bowls

1st Division: KCC v Recreio, TC v CCC, HC "B" v RC, HC "A" v KRCC.

3rd Division: KDC "W" v HKFC, KDC "B" v KCC, HKCC v FRC, FC v POC, CCC v USRC.

3rd Division: KRCC v CCC, FC v PTC, HKRFA v HKRC, HKHC v KCC.

Soccer

Federation Cup: South China v KMB (Ch), 8.30 p.m.

Aquatic

Finals of the Inter-School aquatic at Chung Sing Pavilion, 2 p.m.

Annual football presentation at Peninsula Hotel, 6 p.m.

OLD MOORE'S 'SLIM' SECRET?... IT IS IN THE TIN!

By GEORGE WHITING

It was a mistake. A ghastly gaffe. I should never have dropped such a clanger. I apologise.

But, having listened to Archie Moore discourse for the best part of an hour on a dozen abstruse topics from applied psychology to a punch on the nose, self-respect demanded that I contribute my two bits' worth—if you will pardon the Americanism.

"Mr Moore," I said, "we have a theory here that no fighter in the world is in quite the same shape, physically or mentally, after a going-over by Rocky Marciano. Now I once saw you, Mr Moore, on the consumer's end of that kind of accident, and I should be most grateful if you would give me your views on the aftermath of such a distressing situation. Would you agree that you, at the ripe old age of ahem, fortyish, have never quite recovered your normal joie de vivre?"

Well, to me it seemed a fair question. Clumsily worded, I grant you. Ill-timed, perhaps. Possibly not in the best British tradition of a guest talking to his host — yet honestly put by a humble seeker-after-knowledge in the line of duty.

But intuition born of a thousand interviews should have warned me that Mr Moore was about to take umbrage. Considerable umbrage. And when Mr Moore takes umbrage it is as well to be near a door, preferably open.

Raising himself swiftly on one brown elbow from a bed full of precious and vigorously contrived perspiration, Mr Moore smote me with what the lady novelists call a withering look. The small black moustache bristled like an irritated hedgehog.

REPLY

"Are you insinuating, sir, that I am dumb?" he demanded. "Do you find my conversation unintelligent? Am I without wit? Do I sound as though Marciano destroyed me?

"Let me tell you, sir, that Marciano was the luckiest guy in the world that night. Why, in the second round I put Rocky on the floor and—hey, let me show you. This is how it happened. I'm me. You're Marciano...."

Wrong, Mr Moore. I'm no Rock. No fighter in the world ever moved so quickly as me when you dived out of that bed.

However, we had our demonstration—with promoter Jack Solomons on his knees on the bedroom floor in the reconstructed role of a mussed-up Marciano. Looked like a dying duck.

INSIGNIA

This illuminating episode, embossed for posterity on Archie Moore's ever-present tape-recorder, occurred the other afternoon in the Royal borough of Windsor. Over the oaken hostelry of the Star and Garter, where once an even more portly character than Mr Moore—name of Falstaff—was wont to disport with sundry Merry Wives. Twin insignia mark the passing of time between Sir John and the Ancient Arch. One says Honi Soit Qui Mal Y Pense. The other says Welcome Champ.

It is to these historic parts that Archie Moore has come from San Diego, Cal., to prepare himself for the defence of his World Cruiserweight Championship against a Trinidad stripling called Yolande Pompey at Harringay on June 5.

With him are such widely contrasted acolytes as Charley Johnston (a Liverpool-born manager who collects one-third of the wages but contributes no more than one-thirtieth of the sales-talk); trainer Cheerful Norman (whose soulful appearance belies both name and trade); and sparmate Clint Bacon (whose idea of a day off is a kick from a horse).

TASK

A silent but ominously business-like company — dedicated to the task of delivering their 40-something-year-old boss at Harringay in one piece weighing not an ounce over 12st. 7lb. Or else.

From now until June 5, we can forget that Archie Moore is a clown who kids us along with village-pump philosophy; or a lyric writer who perpetrates such original gems as It's Spring Again; or an ex-naughty boy who once made a speech on juvenile delinquency at the White House; or a musician who plucks be-bop from a bullfiddle; or a penman who inscribes 30 letters a day; or an ace pistol shot; or a broadcaster with his own weekly programme; or a survivor of four marriages; or a one-time patient who walked out of hospital after losing four stone and considerable portions of his inner workings.

Those are the off-stage Moores. The Moore with whom Yolande Pompey will soon have to concern himself is an unmarked professional fighter who began learning his tough trade 20 years and 154 fights ago.

Will he make the weight—this aging but still slick technician from whom the perspiration pours as he spins and spars in rubber and wool down in that 500-year-old pub at Windsor?

CONFIDENT

Yes, says Archie Moore. For 40,000 bucks he will make any weight you care to mention. He insists that neither promoter Solomons nor the great British public has cause to worry. He makes light of the closely guarded scales beside his bed. And he declares with the solemnity of a bishop that he possesses weight - reducing secrets unknown to ordinary mortals—secrets imparted by a dying aborigine under a gum tree in Australia.

"Those secrets are in my brain," says Methuselah Moore.

But the Epsom salts weren't. They were in a tin. On the bedroom table.

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SPORTS VIEWPOINT

PROFESSIONAL TENNIS AGAIN AT WEMBLEY

By ERIC NICHOLLS

Wembley — Britain's home of sport — is hitting back at the Chancellor of the Exchequer. Their answer to crippling entertainment tax is to put on bigger, better and more attractions.

The Harlem Globe-Trotters have just finished a week at the Empire Pool. Next month professional boxing makes a comeback, and in September many familiar fans will be seen around Wembley, where professional tennis returns after a three-year lapse.

The boys who play for declared wage packets instead of undisclosed expense accounts, are to have their own first-ever "Davis Cup" competition.

Australia and the United States, traditional Davis Cup foes of the amateur world, have been picked to begin the new professional war.

America will be represented by the 28-year-old World Professional Champion from Los Angeles, Ricardo ("Pancho") Gonzalez; and 25-year-old Tony Trabert, of Cincinnati, Wimbledon Singles winner last year and the only male ever to impose aggressive superiority on all the amateur Championship contenders in Britain, France and America in one season.

Australia have the stylish persons of 28-year-old Frank Sedgman, Wimbledon triple winner in 1952 and conqueror of swarthy Gonzalez, in a memorable professional debut; and 26-year-old Rex Hartwig, Wimbledon Double Champion last summer with the man-of-the-moment Lew Hoad.

These new "Davis Cup" tangles are due at Wembley on September 24-25, permitting of the normal four singles and one doubles encounters. Afterwards, there will be four days of World Professional Championship play—with Britain's new lawn tennis "tradesman", Tony Mottram, joining such well-established professional circus-men as Jack Kramer and Pancho Segura on the invitation list for £5,000 of unashamed prize money.

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Hawaii, U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m.
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W. Australia, Parcels via Fremantle, 3 p.m.
Thailand, 4 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 17
By Air
Peking, Shanghai, Hankow, 10 a.m.
Thailand, Pakistan, Lebanon, Germany and Great Britain, 10 a.m.
Indo-China, France, 11 a.m.
Japan, 11 a.m.
Philippines, 2 p.m.
Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 6 p.m.
Korea, 6 p.m.
U.S.A., 6 p.m.
By Surface
China, People's Republic, 10.30 a.m.
Indo-China, 11 a.m.
Macao, 1 p.m.
Philippines, 1 p.m.
Burma, 3 p.m.
Japan, U.S.A., C. & S. America, 4 p.m.
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Macao, 6 p.m.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T.
6 p.m., Time Signal and Programme Summary; 6.03, Lucky Dip-Variety Requests presented by Margherita (Studio); 6.55, "Students Guide", Final of the series of British Council talks in which Janet Tomblin offers some sound advice to students going to the United Kingdom for higher studies; 7, Your Radio Concert Hall. Thomas L. Thomas (baritone) with Howard Barlow Orchestra and Chorus; 7.30, "Time for Jazz" with Robin Day (Studio); 7.59, Weather Report; 8, Time Signal and the News (London Relay); 8.09, Commentary (London Relay) or Special Announcements; 8.15, Going to the Pictures, in which a panel of critics review pictures currently showing in Hongkong with Audrey Mendes in the chair (Recorded); 8.30, Honour Roll of Hits—1940; 9, Time Signal, Wednesday Theatre, "Where no Wounds Were" (BBCTS), Adapted and produced by Louis MacNeice from the novel by Goronwy Rees; 10, Evening at the Eden Bar, Vienna, Songs of Cole Porter sung by Liane with the Boheme Bar Trio; 10.30, Woodchopper's Ball. Woody Herman and his Orchestra; 10.50, Weather Report; 11, Time Signal, Radio News Reel (London Relay); 11.15, Goodnight Music; 11.30, Close Down.

REDIFFUSION

2 p.m. Variety Calls the Tune; 3, Wednesday Concert — (Entire presentation dedicated to German Composers) "La Belle Helene" Overture (Offenbach); "On Wings of Song, Scherzo from the Octet" (Mendelssohn); "Slavonic Rhapsodic in G Minor" (Dvorak) "Violin Concerto in E-Minor" (Mendelssohn); 4, Romances of the World —The Story of Desiree, Queen of Sweden; 4.15, Tea for Two; 4.30, Strictly Instrumental; 5, Children's Corner—Conducted by Auntie Margaret; 5.30, Wednesday Requests—Presented by Betty; 6.28, Birthday Mailbag; 6.30, Music from Germany; 7, Personality Parade—Howard Keel; 7.15, "Lost"—A preview of the latest J. Arthur Rank Film; 7.30, Coke Time; 7.45, "The Final Year"—The Story of a Mother's Courage; 8, Time Signal and the News; 8.09, Weather Report, Announcements and Interlude; 8.15, Guest for Today — Yma Sumac; 8.30, Diamond Music Show; 9, Around Hongkong—Rediffusion takes listeners on a word-picture tour of the Queen Mary Hospital; 9.30, Top Hat, White Tie and Tails—Theatre Memories; 10, Take it from Here; 10.30, One Night Stand—Featuring the Music of Manhattan Orchestra; 11, Jerry's Jumble and Junk—Presented by Jerry Lewis; 11.30, Prelude to Midnight; 12 midnight, "God Save the Queen"; Close Down.

MEMORIAL DAY

Military establishments in Hongkong today flew Union Jacks at half-mast to mark the anniversary of America's Memorial Day.

A ceremony of remembrance was held by the American community at Sai Wan War cemetery.

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EMBARKATION: Passengers should embark between 9.30 and 11.00 a.m. on Friday, 1st June, 1956.

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Carries On Family Tradition

Three generations of the "Long Service and Good Conduct Medal" were established when men of the Royal Army Pay Corps paraded at Victoria Barracks this morning for the award of the medal to Staff Sergeant Major E. R. Hulbert.

The award was part of a story of continuous military service in the Hulbert family since the days of the Boer War, and the service of SSM Hulbert's grandfather in the Scots Greys.

His father followed, still with horses, in the commiseriat columns of the RASC in the Great War of 1914-18. He is now 76, retired, and sent a message of congratulation to his son from his small farm in Hampshire.

Mrs Hulbert watched the parade from the office of the Camp Commandant, Victoria Barracks, and took photographs to send home to Hampshire.

PRESENTATIONS

After the parade she was introduced to Brigadier C.C. Blackwell, Deputy Paymaster-in-Chief of FARELF, who made the presentation, inspected the parade, and took the salute in a march past which followed.

He also presented the inter-platoon shield to No 2 platoon. The shield is presented annually to the platoon with the best record for drill, turnout, shooting, and the best kept barracks.

Staff Sergeant Major Hulbert enlisted in the Royal Tank Regiment at Aldershot in 1937. In April 1939 he transferred to the Royal Army Pay Corps and with them served in Norway, West Africa, Egypt, Palestine, Malta, Japan, and Korea before arriving at Hongkong in June 1955. SSM Hulbert is a keen cricketer and is wicket keeper for the Army 'B' eleven in Hongkong. He has also played in the Scottish Command and Malta representative teams.

Officers on parade included the Commanding Officer, RAPC (Hongkong) Col. F. J. Bairstow, Major D. W. Moore, and Captain J. C. Southern.

U.S. ARMY BUYS SUPPLIES IN S. KOREA

Hope To Take Business From Japan

By Philip Kim

Seoul, May 29.

A Korean Procurement Agency has been established to handle the purchases made by the United States firms in South Korea for both American and Republic of Korea units. The value of the goods thus purchased is expected to be some 80,000,000 dollars (about £27,000,000) a year.

The Federation of Industrial Association in South Korea, representing 49 types of industries, recently submitted to the Eighth Army and the Korean Defence Ministry a proposal that about 240 items of goods could be produced in South Korea for military use.

After a series of checks and tests, the Eighth Army approved 103 items as acceptable.

Watched Boom

The Korean products exclude arms. For the time being, the South Korean industries will supply rations, administrative needs, clothing, and medical supplies.

Since the outbreak of the war, the United States forces have brought all they need from America or Japan, South Korea has provided the American troops with manual labour only.

But, amid the devastation of war, the Korean Government and businessmen jealously watched the industrial boom in Japan as United States money bought Japanese goods and paid for skilled Japanese labour.

Since July, 1953, when the armistice was signed, South Korean industries have made a rapid recovery, though most of them are not yet back to pre-war level. Power generation and the textile industry have, however, surpassed pre-war standards.

Now, under the first contracts signed by the Korean Procurement Agency with South Korean business concerns, the Hankook Tyre Industrial Company and Tong-A Tyre Company will retrend 10,000 tyres for the South Korean army. The Sam Joung Construction Company will produce 3,200 officer's wardrobe units for the American forces, and the Taehan Physics and Chemistry Glass Company has agreed to supply syringes and other medical supplies, worth 20,000 dollars, for the South Korean armed forces.

Tinned Food

Payment will be made out of United States Mutual Defence Aid funds in South Korea, which, for the current year, are set at about 360,000,000 dollars (over £120,000,000).

A spokesman of the South Korean Defence Ministry said that the Korean Procurement Agency will buy from local industries about 4,000,000 dollars' worth of tinned food, chiefly for South Korean troops.

The Eighth Army has approved the import of about 3,030,000 dollars' worth of canning machines and tin plate to boost local canning industries.

With the additional equipment to be imported through the Eighth Army, South Korea's canning industry this year will produce as much as 25,000,000 tins of food, compared with 1955's peak output of about 3,200,000.

The Procurement Agency will shortly start buying 100,000 eggs a month from Korean sources to feed American soldiers and civilians in South Korea. This will mean an additional income to South Korea of about 48,000 dollars a year.

The Ministry of Finance has announced that the supplies sold to the Korean Procurement Agency will be classified as free of tax. Local contractors, too, will be able to use the dollar proceeds obtained from the Agency for whatever uses they wish, exempt from foreign currency regulations.

Encouragement

It is hoped that these lenient provisions will give further encouragement to domestic industries and raise the quality and quantity of home products.

As a result of the withdrawal of six American infantry divisions and the majority of the British Commonwealth forces from Korea, more than 30,000 Koreans were thrown out of employment. An annual income of about 60,000,000 dollars earned by the Korean labourers, contractors, restaurants, night-clubs and gift shops, disappeared.

The expansion of Korean industries and increases in their sales to the Korean Procurement Agency will absorb some of the unemployed and offset some of the loss incurred as a result of the departure of the troops.

After the armistice was signed, the South Korean army established arsenals capable of producing small arms and repairing infantry weapons. Repair shops to handle artillery pieces, motorcars and engineering equipment have also been built.

According to the Defence Ministry, these military arsenals are saving as much as 60,000,000 dollars (nearly £20,000,000) a year which would otherwise have gone to the Japanese service plants.

From Japan

The only military equipment which still has to be shipped to foreign countries for repair is war ships, aeroplanes, radar equipment, and tanks.

"We want the American aid originally directed to us spent here every cent of it," the Ministry spokesman explained. "We are getting the materials away from Japan, thereby helping industry."—China Mail Special.

Princess Marijke, centre, youngest daughter of Queen Juliana and Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands, took part recently in ceremonies to mark the 40th anniversary of the founding of the Dutch Girl Scouts.—Express Photo.

Bible Beats Marx And Shakespeare

Paris, May 29.

The Bible is still the most widely translated book in the world, states a United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation survey.

After the Bible, the writings of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin are translated in the biggest number.

Fairy tales of Grimm, Andersen, the Arabian Nights, the works of Cervantes, Goethe, Shakespeare, Moliere, Tolstoy and Mark Twain are listed "old favourites" for translating into more than 15 languages.—China Mail Special.

GERMANS TO PRODUCE 'MASTER RACE' TREES

Bonn, May 29.

West Germany's forests will one day be populated only with "pedigree" trees as a result of methods being introduced throughout the country.

Until recently foresters tended to lower the quality of trees generation by generation by felling the best and strongest first and leaving the second-class ones to procreate.

Now the process is being reversed. "Elite" trees are being found in laborious surveys. In Schleswig Holstein, for instance, foresters walked about 15,000 miles to find a few dozen pines, douglas firs, sitka spruces, European and Japanese larches, birches and alders considered suitable for breeding.

By means of cuttings, an unlimited number of seeds can be obtained from a few selected trees.

This will eventually make it possible to use only such pedigree seeds for new plantations.

Experts say it will take from 90 to 100 years before all the trees in West German forests are members of "master races."—China Mail Special.

The Price Of Knowledge

Johore Bahru, May 26.

A Munr, Southern Malaya, tailor sacked his young apprentice because the lad insisted that the world was round.

"The world," the tailor told the boy, "is a motionless cube." He then fired him for "insolence."

The dismissed apprentice brought an action for wrongful dismissal, and the "spherical difference of opinion" was settled out of court for 30 Straits dollars.—China Mail Special.

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN
By Lee Falk and Phil Davis

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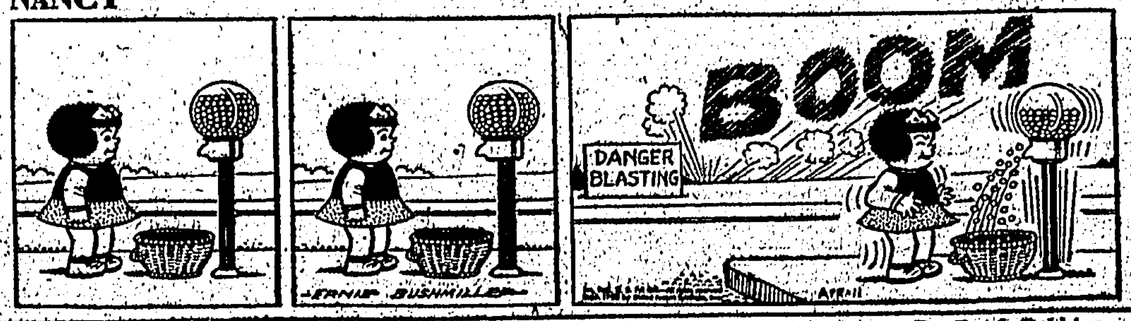

JOHNNY HAZARD
By Frank Robbins

...this situation calls for a San Miguel

TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

Building Reduction Proposal Protest

TRADE EMPLOYERS AND WORKERS ARE INDIGNANT

Wellington, May 29.

A proposal to reduce expenditure on building, including housing, has aroused considerable indignation here.

The proposal was made in a report by the New Zealand Royal Commission on Monetary Affairs which said: "We believe that a rise in interest rates would operate as a restraint on the present rate of building construction and that it should be used for this purpose.

(The interest rates of the State Advances Corporation on house mortgages were increased shortly before the Commission's report was tabled in the House of Representatives).

Driving Up Costs

"An ultimate objective should be the complete freeing of interest rates from control, so that supply and demand will bring about periodic variations best suited to the conditions. Figures reveal that the volume of housing construction in recent years has been an important inflationary factor.

"We believe that the provision of finance for housing in increasing amounts and at low rates of interest has, by creating excessive demand for labour and materials, had the effect of driving up building costs and thus of frustrating, to some extent, the intention of the Government to make available an adequate supply of houses at reasonable cost."

Carry Their Share

The proposal has met with protests by organisations of both employers and workers in the building trade. The President of the Master Builders' Federation, Mr M. J. Graham declared: "We cannot fail to resent that we alone seem to have been singled out by the Royal Commission for a specifically adverse recommendation."

New Zealand, he added, is the only democratic country in the world which retains building control, and the master builders think that it should be removed immediately.

"Builders will have to carry their share of whatever financial burdens the country may have to shoulder as a result of the Commission's findings," Mr Graham stated. "Why then should theirs alone of the manifold activities of the country be chosen for further penalty in the shape of a cutback? Most people will find it difficult to understand why the commission should single out one useful industry for a compulsory recession."

Most Essential

Mr W. F. Molineux, the Wellington secretary of the Carpenters' Union said: "It is a staggering blow to the thousands attempting to put some kind of roof over their heads in the present housing shortage."

Mr Molineux found it surprising that "one of the most essential needs of the people should be singled out, while less essential industries, such as the motor industry, which absorbs huge quantities of overseas funds, are ignored." — China Mail Special.

WORLD COTTON MARKETS

New York, May 29.

Erratic and wide fluctuations in the nearby July delivery featured an otherwise slow session in cotton futures today.

At the close the list ruled 1 point higher to 13 points lower. Opening prices were up 3 to off 3 points. New Orleans closed 5 to 11 points lower.

Holiday considerations, plus hesitancy over export provisions in the new farm bill, tended to keep many traders on the sidelines.

The New York and New Orleans cotton exchanges will remain closed tomorrow for observance of Memorial Day.

Nearby July backed and filled over a range of $1.50 a bale. A mid-morning rush of July selling followed an offer by leading spot interests to sell the spot month 225 points over October. A short-lived selling spurt narrowed the spread to around 205 points, whereupon the market levelled off.

President Eisenhower, in signing the farm bill overnight, criticised the export provisions for raw cotton. He indicated the portion dealings with lower export prices will have to be administered with extreme caution.

The Government weekly and crop bulletin was favourable with traders commenting "there was hardly a complaint from anywhere."

Open July contract today totalled 216,300 bales. The certificated stock was unchanged at 11,973 bales.

Month	Volume	Open interest
July	10,600	210,300
Oct.	5,000	298,400
Dec.	11,200	222,300
Mar.	7,100	128,800
July	600	112,100
Oct.	500	10,900
Total	45,000	1,450,900 bales

NEW YORK

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot	36.55n
July	34.40
Oct.	32.29
Dec.	32.44-45
Mar.	32.51
May	32.40
July	31.64
Oct.	30.65

NEW ORLEANS

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot	35.30
July	34.48
Oct.	32.20
Dec.	32.43
Mar.	32.53
May	32.40-41
July	31.64
Oct.	30.04

LIVERPOOL

Future closings, in pence per lb. were as follows:

Old contract	May/July	20.33
	July/Aug.	25.75
New contract	May/June	29.05
	July/Aug.	25.75
	Oct./Nov.	25.20
	Dec./Jan.	24.90
	Mar./Apr.	24.55
Egyptian Karnak	May/June	63.75

SAO PAULO

Future closings, in cruzeiros per kilo were as follows:

June	unquoted
July	unquoted
October	32.00
December	35.00
March	30.80
May	unquoted

In the US the average price of 15/16 middling cotton at 14 designated spot markets was 35.49 cents. Sales totalled 8,010 bales.—United Press.

CHICAGO LARD FUTURES

Chicago, May 29.

Prices of lard futures closed today in cents per lb. as follows:

July	11.82
September	12.20-82
October	12.30
November	12.00
December	12.31

—United Press.

Licences Needed

Washington, May 29.

The US Foreign Commerce Bureau has added the following items to the list of goods requiring prior export licences:

Synthetic quartz crystals; Radiographic X-ray tubes and valves, flash discharge type, and special fabricated parts for them; X-ray goniometers; Ethyl cellulose in all unfinished forms; Laboratory-type gas analysis apparatus and specially fabricated parts for it.—China Mail Special.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately $270,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

Shares	Buyers	Sellers	Sales
BANKS			
HK Bank		1035	
East Asia	236		
INSURANCES			
Union		970	
SHIPPING			
Asia Nav	1.20		1100 @ 1.20
DOCKS, ETC			
K Wharf	82½		200 @ 81
			300 @ 82
			200 @ 83
Dock	42½	44	140 @ 42½
			500 @ 43
P'vident (O)	13.60		
Wheelock	8.60	8.75	
LAND, ETC.			
HK Hotel	13.40	13.60	
HK Land	62	62½	
Humphreys		17.40	
Realty	1.42½		5000 @ 1.45
RUBBER			
A. Rubber	1.22½		10,000 @ 1.25
Trust	1.40	1.50	906 @ 1.375
			12,214 @ 1.45
UTILITIES			
Tram	22½	22.60	
Star Ferry	135		
Y'mati Ferry	106	108	
C. Light (O)	22.20	22.40	250 @ 22.50
			500 @ 22.40
C. Light (N)	19½	19.80	
Electric	30	30¼	1500 @ 30
Rts	19.10	19.30	
Macao Elec.		9.70	500 @ 9.70
Telephone	22.20	22.40	
Rts	11.60		328 @ 11.70
INDUSTRIALS			
Cement	34¼	34¾	500 @ 34.25
			100 @ 34.50
Rope	11.30		
STORES, ETC.			
Dairy	16	16.10	500 @ 16.10
Watson	10.20	10.60	
COTTONS			
Textile Corp	5.25	5.35	2000 @ 5.30
Nanyang		7.10	
MISCELLANEOUS			
Yangtsze	0.65	6.75	
Allied	5.30	5.40	

Singapore Stock Market

Singapore, May 30.

Brokers today quoted the following stock prices:

	Opening
Batu Lintang Rubber Co. Ltd.	$1.40
British Borneo Petroleum Syndicate	40/0 cdcb
Consolidated Tin Smelters Ord.	29/-
Fraser & Neave Ltd. Ord.	$1.70
Fraser & Neave Ltd. 7½% cum. pref.	$5.70
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corp.	$875
Hongkong Tin Ltd.	6/6d
Kempas Ltd.	$1.00
Lunas Rubber Estates Ltd.	0.75
Malayan Breweries	$3.50 cdcb
New Serendah Rubber Co. Ltd.	$1.05
Petaling Tin Ltd.	$3.50 xd
Raffles Hotel	$2.27 xd
Singapore Cold Storage	$1.40
South British Insurance Co. Ltd.	$27.50
Straits Trading	$23.50
Straits Steamship	$11.00
United Engineers Ord.	$7.00
Wearne Bros.	$2.77

—China Mail Special.

London Foreign Exchange

London, May 29.

New York	2.80⅝-2.80.7/16
Montreal	2.77¼-2.77.5/16
Amsterdam	10.67¼-10.67½
Brussels	139.40-139.42½
Copenhagen	19.39¼-19.40⅛
Frankfurt	11.71¼-11.71¾
Milan	1754-1755
Paris	983¼-983¾
Stockholm	14.51½-14.41½
Zurich	12.23⅛-12.24⅛

—United Press.

New York Foreign Exchange

New York, May 29.

Canada	$1.01.5/32
England official	2.80.13/32
30-day futures	2.80
90-day futures	2.79
New Zealand	2.79.13/32

—United Press.

LONDON SILVER PRICES

London, May 29.

The price of silver was quoted at 79 pence for spot and 78¾ pence for forward (against 79½ and 78¼ pence yesterday.)—United Press.

Wall Street Stages Good Recovery

New York, May 29.

The stock market in its best rise of the year today restored close to one-fifth of the 14 billion loss in valuations suffered since April 6, the day the industrial average set its all-time high.

All groups joined in today's rise—only the second for industrials in 17 sessions—and individual shares had improvement ranging well over 4 points.

While prices picked up sharply, trading was only moderately active, totalling 2,430,000 shares compared with 2,180,000 yesterday.

Demand today carried over from the late turn-about yesterday and boosted prices right from the start. There was some realising before the holiday but prices generally closed around the day's highs.

Out of a total 1,160 issues traded, 867 were higher, only 122 lower.

Industrial stocks rose 8.87 in their average—their widest gain since Sept. 27, the session following the break on President Eisenhower's illness. Rails regained 4.12, an even wider percentage rise and their best improvement since last Nov. 25. Utilities recovered exactly yesterday's 0.78 loss and scored the best gain since March 5, 1955.

Added Weight

Continued talk of easier money added weight to the normal technical consideration which pointed to a recovery of substantial proportions at this time, market commentators said.

In the rails the gains ranged to more than 5 points in Santa Fe.

Steels featured industrials with gains of more than 2 points in Bethlehem.

Oils were among the best performers. Standard of California, Gulf and Texas Co. each added 4 points or more. Continental rose 3 points.

In metals, Aluminium added more than 4, Reynolds Metals more than 3.

Ford and General Motors improved a point or more, Chrysler a major fraction in the automotives.

New York Stock Exchange bond volume was $3,810,000.

American Stock Exchange volume was 730,000 shares.

Dow-Jones closing averages were:

30 industrials	477.68
20 rails	165.72
15 utilities	65.13
65 stocks	171.80
40 bonds	96.50
Comm. future price index	149.83
Moody's index	412.20

Closing Prices

Alden Inc. Acy.	$10½
Allied Chemicals	112½
Allied Mills Inc.	34
Allis Chalmers	63⅛
American Airline	23¼
Am. Cable & Radio Corp.	6⅛
American Cyanamide Co.	68⅝
Am. Mach. & F dry.	28⅛
American Metal	30
American Smelting	60⅛
Am. Sugar Ref.	90
American Tel & Tel	180
American Tob. "B"	77⅛
Anaconda Copper	72⅛xd
Armco Steel	53
Armour	20⅛
Baldwin-Lima-Ham.	12⅛
Baltimore & Ohio	40⅛
Bendix Aviation Corp.	51⅛
Benguet Cons.	2
Bethlehem Steel	144⅛
Boeing Airplane	81
Borden (The) Co.	56
Burroughs Add Machine	30⅛
Canadian Pacific R.	31⅛
Case (J.I.) Co.	18¾
Cat. Tractor	75
Celanese Corp.	12⅛
C.I.T. Financial Corp.	42⅛
Chase Manhat. Bank	40⅛
Chrysler Motors	61⅛
Colgate-Palmolive Co.	55⅛
Commercial Credit	46⅛
Commonwealth Elec.	40⅛
Consolidated Edison	46⅛
Continental Oil of Del.	114
Crane Co.	38
Crown Zellerbach	65
Cuban Amer. Sugar	15
Diamond Alkali	53⅛
Dow Chemicals	60
Dupont de Nemours	200
Eastman Kodak	85⅛
El Paso National Gas	50¼
Erie Railroad	20⅛
Family Finance Corp.	23¾
Ford Motor	63
General Electric	57¾
General Foods	91
General Motors	41⅝
Gen. Pub. Util.	35
Glidden Co.	30⅛
Goodrich (B. F.) Co.	81
Goodyear Tire	68⅛
Heyden Chemical	19⅛
Homestake Mining Co.	34⅛
Ingersoll-Rand	80
Inland Steel Co.	68⅛
Interchemical Corp.	34⅛
Int'l Business Machines	[illegible]
Int'l Harvester	34
International Nickel	98⅛
International Paper	127¾
Int'l Tel. & Tel.	31½
John-Manville Co.	50⅛
Kansas C. Power & Light	28⅛
Kennecott Copper	127¾
Liggett-Myers Tob. Co.	68
Lockheed Aircraft	46⅛
Loews Incorp.	23 1/3

Lone Star Cement Co.	76¾
Louisville & Nashville R.	97¼
Lowenstein & Sons	22½
Mesabi Iron Corp.	47
Minnesota Mining	137
Mission Development	35¾
Monsanto Chemical Co.	40⅛
Montgomery Ward	93
Motorola Inc.	41½
National Cash Reg. "A"	40¾
National Dairy Prod.	37⅞
National Lead	93¼xd
National Steel Corp.	67
New York Central	38¾
Olin Mathieson	54¼
Otis Elevators	44
Owens-Illinois Glass	71¼
Pacific Gas & Elec.	50¼
Pacific Western Oil	44⅞
Pan American Airways	18¾
Paramount Pictures	30¾
Parke Davis Co.	50
Penney J.C. Co.	88⅛
Penn. Salt Co.	59¾
Philip Morris	44⅝
Procter & Gamble Co.	96⅛
Pittsburgh Plate Glass	85¼xd
Publicker Industries	9⅛
Pure Oil	45⅛
Radio Corporation	43
Republic Steel	44⅞
Reynolds Metal	70¾
Shell Oil Co.	80
Saint Reg. Paper	40¾
Sinclair Oil	64⅞
Socony Mobiloil	72⅛
Southern Railway (Com.)	113¼
Standard Brands	41⅝
Standard Oil of Cal.	101¼
Standard Oil of Ind.	57¼
Standard Oil of N.J.	50¼
Sterling Drug Co.	52⅜
Stokely-Van Camp	19⅞
Studebaker-Packard Corp.	8⅞
Swift & Co.	44⅝
Texas Co.	123¾
Tide Water Assn. Oil	41⅞
Twenty Century Fox Film	24⅞
Union Carbide	114½
Union Pacific Railway	177¼xd
United Aircraft	64⅞
U.S. Gypsum	63¼
U.S. Line Co.	26⅞
U.S. Rubber	60
U.S. Smelting	58⅞
U.S. Steel	55⅛
Warner Bros.	21⅞
Westinghouse Electric	52⅞
West Va. Pulp & Paper	47½
Woolworth	46⅛

—United Press.

NEW YORK METAL FUTURES

New York, May 29.

Prices of metal futures closed today in cents per lb. as follows:

Lead	June	14.02b
	July	14.02b
Tin	June	92.90b
	July	92.80b
Zinc	June	11.68b
	July	11.68b
Copper	June	37.85b
	July	37.45b

—United Press.

LONDON METAL PRICES

London, May 29.

Prices of metals closed in the unofficial afternoon session today in sterling per long ton as follows:

	Buyers	Sellers
Tin spot	720	727
3-month	720	727
Copper spot	292	293
3-month	290	[illegible]
Lead 2nd half May	[illegible]	[illegible]
Aug.	107½	107¾
Zinc 2nd half May	[illegible]	[illegible]
Aug.	[illegible]	90

—United Press.

London Stocks Fractionally Lower

London, May 29.

Stocks wandered aimlessly and finally closed fractionally lower in quiet dealings on the London Exchange today.

A mild recovery around midday petered out as traders generally remained on the sidelines.

Losses among industrials were confined to a few pence, although Rolls-Royce was notably weak, off about a shilling.

Oils moved lower in moderately active trading. Royal Dutch skidded about £1½. Burmah and British Petroleum were other casualties, losing about two shillings on the day. Shell Transport was a firm spot.

British Governments continued soft, although a late rally pared the losses a bit. The group finally closed with declines running to £5/16.

Selling appeared in gold shares, and coppers drifted lower. German liens and Japanese were mixed in a quiet foreign group.

Dollar stocks closed lower in line with Wall Street levels.—United Press.

New York Sugar Market

New York, May 29.

World No. 4 sugar futures closed unchanged to 3 points higher with sales of 66 contracts.

The domestic No 6 sugar futures closed 1 to 2 points lower with sales of 236 contracts.

World contract steadied with the firmer spot market. Domestic contracts were lower under liquidation in the July delivery. Futures:

Contract No. 4 (world)

July	3.34
Sept.	3.35
Dec.	3.37
Mar.	3.37
May	3.36
July	3.36
Sept.	3.37
Spot—(cents per lb. fob Cuba)	3.30

Contract No. 6

July	[illegible]
Sept.	[illegible]
Nov.	[illegible]
Spot—cents per lb. cif NY (ex-duty)	[illegible]

—United Press.

WORLD RUBBER MARKETS

New York, May 29.

The No. 1 Rss rubber futures today closed 25 to 50 points lower with sales of 217 contracts.

The standard contract closed 20 to 55 points lower with sales of 10 contracts in the form of switching operations.

Prices eased with the foreign markets and lower April consumption total. Shipment offerings were in "fair supply" but at prices about a NY parity. Buyers were indifferent, but factory interests bought on a limited scale in the delivered market. Spot No. 1 Rss was offered at 27 ⅝ cents a pound.

Department of Commerce reported domestic consumption in April at 120,620 tons, including 46,961 tons of natural, and 73,691 tons of synthetic.

The figure was off almost 7,500 tons from the March total of 128,135 tons, including 49,534 of natural and 78,600 tons of synthetic.

April stocks of 262,838 tons, included synthetic 153,,998 tons and natural 108,840 tons. Synthetic production in April was 91,000 tons.

Futures:

No. 1 Rss

July	26.55-60
Sept.	26.15
Dec.	23.32-35

Standard Contract

July	26.40
Sept.	26.10
Dec.	25.30
Mar.	24.70
May	24.10
July	23.60

SINGAPORE

After a little steadier on trade covering at the opening the market eased on offerings. In the afternoon the market was almost weak but there was some trade support towards the close.

Future closings were:

No. 1 rubber per lb.	
June	75¼-75¾
July	73¾-74
August	unquoted
No. 2 rubber per lb.	
June	73¾-74¼
No. 3 rubber per lb.	
June	73¼-74
No. 4 rubber per lb.	
June	72-73
Spot rubber unbaled	76-76½
Blanket crepe	65-67
No. 1 pale crepe	90-99

LONDON

The market was barely steady with spot quoted at 22 7/16 pence per lb. Prices:

No. 1 Rss spot	22⅜-22½
Settlement house terms:	
July	22¼-22½
Aug.	22⅛-22⅜
Sept.	21⅞-22⅛
July/Sept.	22⅛-22¼
Oct./Dec.	21⅞-21⅛
Jan./Mar.	21⅜-21⅛
Apr./June	21⅜-21⅛
General markets, cif basis, ports:	
June	21⅞-22⅛
July	21⅞-22
Aug.	21¾-22
Estate crepe thin July	27⅛
thick unquoted.	

AMSTERDAM

The market was dull today. Prices closed in guilders per kilogram, cif June as follows:

No. 1 rubber	2.16 paid
No. 2 rubber	2.13 paid
No. 3 rubber	2.10 buyers
No. 1 crepe	2.68 paid

—United Press.

Rubber Falling

NO NEED TO PANIC

Kuala Lumpur, May 29.

Malaya's Chief Minister, Tengku Abdul Rahman, said today there was no need to panic at the present downward trend in rubber prices.

The Malayan leader said there was no reason to believe prices would continue to fall.

His comments followed fears expressed in the Malayan press that the Federation Government, which bases its revenues on a rubber export duty, might run into serious financial difficulties if the fall continued.

The Tengku promised the Government would "consider the position" if the fall continued. However, he said, the Government had based its calculations on long-term prospects.—Reuter.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:

U.S. dollar (per 1)	[illegible]
Sterling notes (per £1)	15.50
Australian pound (per £1)	13.40
Indonesian rupiah (per 100)	16.00
[illegible] (per 100)	[illegible]
Singapore (Straits)	[illegible]

JAPAN SHOULD BENEFIT FROM GATT TALKS

London, May 29.

Japan should pick up some useful concessions from the tariff negotiating conference of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade now drawing to a close at Geneva.

The latest reports from the conference are that the results so far exceed expectations.

The overall pattern of concessions will probably take the form of a variety of shallow cuts spread over a wide field of goods.

No country is likely to make any deep cuts into its tariff structure.

Made Clear

But the United States made it clear at the outset that her objectives were limited to a 15 per cent cut on existing tariff levels and this spread over three years. She was the pacemaker of the conference. No other country will cut deeper than she does.

Japan has not been negotiating directly with many countries, but she will still benefit from the progress of the majority.

Britain, for example, grants her most favoured nation treatment in fact, although invoking the escape clause of the agreement to deny it to her de jure.

The same thing is true of the majority of the 14 nations who invoked the escape clause.

The extent to which Japan will benefit will depend on her interest in the particular items covered by the concessions.

These are not known. But the negotiations were held in effect between manufacturing countries only and Japan's engineering industries should benefit.

One effect of the concessions in Europe may be to slow down the process of dollar liberalisation which has been progressing steadily over the last year.

Welcome Respite

This is a matter for national policies and some countries, like Germany, may think dollar competition will be good for internal price levels.

Whatever be results, however, it is probable that Britain has found her balance of payments problems accentuated in the past European dollar liberalisations and would welcome a respite.—China Mail Special.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET

Chicago, May 29.

Grain futures were about firm in active dealings on the Board of Trade today.

Soybeans headed up the advance that brought all grains up substantially. In subsequent dealings, however, corn dropped back to about yesterday's closing levels.

Continuing moisture over large areas of the southwest is still interfering with the winter wheat harvest, and accounted for buying in wheat futures today.

Large soybeans crushings together with higher vegetable oil prices was mainly responsible for bean gains. After the opening, old crop July beans met liquidation which accounted for a reduction of six cents a bushel from best levels. By mid-day, however, the July delivery had recovered to around previous closing levels.

Wheat closed up 1 to 1⅝ cents; soybeans unchanged to up 2¼ cents.

Prices per bushel in cents:

Wheat, No. 2, red		
Spot		210½n
July	203¼(H) 201⅛(L)	202⅛-¼
Sept.		204⅝-½
Nov.		207⅛-½
Mar.		207⅛
Corn, No. 2, yellow		
Spot		154n
July		147⅞-½
Sept.		147⅛
Nov.		134⅛-½
Mar.		137¾
Rye		
July		119
Sept.		119¼-119
Oats		
July		63¾-½
Sept.		64⅛-¼
Soybeans, No. 2, yellow		
Spot		301½n
May		301¼
July		292¼
Sept.		249
Nov.		251¼-250
Jan.		254½
Barley		
Spot		130-140
New York flour		
200 lb. sack		$13.50

WINNIPEG PRICES

Winnipeg, May 29.

Prices of grain futures closed today in cents per bushel as follows:

Oats	
May	83¼
July	76½
Oct.	73⅛
Dec.	70⅛
Rye	
May	113¼
July	113⅛
Oct.	112⅛
Dec.	110¼
Barley	
May	110⅛
July	106⅞-107
Oct.	103⅞
Dec.	90⅛
Flaxseed	
May	389
July	368
Oct.	340
Dec.	317¼

Wheat, No. 3, 162 cents; No. 5, 138 cents.—United Press.

NEW YORK OIL AND SEED

New York, May 29.

Prices of cottonseed oil futures closed today in cents per lb. as follows:

July	16.95-98
September	16.40-43
October	15.60-62
December	15.42-41
January	15.35
Mrach	15.25
May	15.23

Sales 47 contracts.

Soybean oil was quoted at 17⅛ cents per lb., while coconuts oil was offered at 12¾ cents a pound, West Coast. Copra was quoted at $165 per short ton, cif Pacific Coast.—United Press.

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Statement Ruled To Be Evidence

Judge K. R. Macfee held at the Victoria District Court this morning that a request allegedly made by a constable to an Inspector of the Anti-Corruption Branch to "give me a chance" was a voluntary statement and was admissible in evidence.

The constable was Yeung Kai-ming, 26. He is on trial jointly with another constable, Tse Man-shi, 27, on a charge of conspiring to solicit money from a man for forbearing to take action in connection with dangerous drug offences.

Mr R. W. S. Winter, instructed by Peter Mo and Co., is representing second accused. Mr T. Shurlock this morning deputised for Mr Winter, who was engaged in another Court.

Mr Simon Li, Crown Counsel, is prosecuting, assisted by Det Sub-Inspector D. G. McNeill of the Anti-Corruption Branch.

Inspector Chu Hok-sang this morning gave evidence on the circumstances of first accused's arrest. He said that when he accosted Yeung, the latter told him, "Please give me a chance, Inspector."

The question arose as to whether the Court should admit this statement as evidence or not. First accused elected to enter the witness box to testify on the ovents.

TOOK $20

Yeung said that when Inspector Chu arrested him at complainant's house he (the Inspector) took $20 from his (accused's) pocket, without any explanation for his action.

Inspector Chu, accused said further, told him that if he did not confess he would do his best to convict him in Court. As he was an Inspector and he himself was only a constable, Inspector Chu's words were used "to bring pressure" on him.

Yeung denied asking Inspector Chu to give him a chance.

Cross-examined by Mr Li, accused agreed he was cautioned by the Inspector. He did not make any reply to this caution. He denied that, in answer to the caution, he repeated his request to Inspector Chu to give him a chance.

Asked if he made any complaint to Inspector McNeill about Inspector Chu's alleged behaviour towards him, first accused said he did not. He was afraid that if he did so, he would only be subjected to more pressure by Inspector Chu later on.

Questioned further, Yeung said he did not tell his own superior officer about Inspector Chu, because after his arrest he did not have time to speak to his superior officer.

After some consideration, His Honour announced his ruling.

Continuing his evidence, Inspector Chu said he noted the accused's remark in his notebook. He then told Yeung that he had reason to believe that he had corruptly received $20 from Ip Hung and that he was under arrest. He cautioned him once more.

First accused made another statement in answer, which was taken down. He was taken to Central Police Station.

Hearing is proceeding.

The Brush Is Mightier Than The Ship

Rear-Admiral Max Douget arrived in the Colony today. Like other visiting "brass hats" from the Southeast Asia area he plans to make a short stay in the Colony, make tours of inspection, and give a report. But the subject differs:

The report comes on Friday at 5.30 p.m. when the Rear-Admiral will give a lecture in the premises of Alliance Francaise, 46 French Bank Building. He will speak on "Trends in modern painting" with particular reference to Chinese painting.

Art lovers are cordially invited.

ISTOMIN DELIGHTS AGAIN

Eugene Istomin's second public concert last night at the Empire Theatre came at the end of what must have been for him a very full week, with two concerts for schoolchildren, a broadcast, a party recital and a session with music teachers.

This second recital confirmed the first impression of his essential musicality, his fine technique, yet complete lack of flashiness, his power of emphasising contrasts and his ability to play with depth and sincerity and when necessary, with lightness and humour.

It was good that there was one full-scale work in the programme this time—Beethoven's Waldstein Sonata; nobody could ask for a severer test of all musicianly qualities, apart from massive pianistic technique, than this Sonata. Much depends on the opening, which must not be heavy and portentous, and Istomin gave it just the right atmosphere of expectancy. The short slow movement, which is in the nature of a transition, typifies one of Beethoven's favourite methods of construction; the lovely lyrical tune of the last movement, which leads straight in from the slow movement-introduction, is one of the best moments in all Beethoven, and Istomin responded to its beauty and to the terrific technical demands of the rest of the movement; it was a fine performance.

CONTRASTS

A Haydn Sonata opened the concert, quiet and charming, and played with a simplicity and delicacy we had noticed before. After the Beethoven came four amusing short sketches called "Anniversaries," by the American composer, Leonard Bernstein. There is nothing impressionistic about these, rather are they crisp and rhythmic, though very "modern" in idiom. In contrast, the two Debussy Preludes were extreme examples of musical impressionism, especially the first, "Sounds and scents float in the air." The second, "General Lavine, Eccentrique," is a characteristic and vivid protrait. Istomin could turn completely from the grandeur of Beethoven to the airiness of these last little works, with complete effectiveness.

A Chopin group ended the programme—the delicate Waltz in A flat, and the big Polonaise, also in A flat.

BRILLIANCE

This is the most solid and dignified of the Polonaises and gave Istomin some fine opportunities for brilliance, and for romantic expressiveness.

This was the official end of the programme, but a vociferous and affectionate audience demanded more, and Istomin played three short pieces, one by an Argentinian composer Napolitano; "The Miller's Dance" by Manuel de Falla, and a tiny trifle called "Microcosm" by Bela Bartok.

Once again, we salute Istomin; we have been very fortunate that he has stayed so long with us and given so much of himself in Hongkong. It has been highly appreciated.—K.K.

This morning the Hongkong Regiment mounted guard at Government House, relieving the guard provided by the 1st Batt, North Staffordshire Regiment. Picture shows part of the change-over ceremony.—Staff Photographer.

Legal Argument In The Karel Weiss Case

Legal argument by Crown Counsel, Mr Dermot Rea opposing an application by Karel Weiss for orders of certiorari and mandamus regarding his income tax continued this morning before the Full Court — the Chief Justice, Mr Justice M. J. Hogan, and Puisne Judge, Mr Justice J. R. Gregg.

Weiss is seeking an order of certiorari to quash two assessments for the years 1950-1951 and 1951-1952 each for $30,000 as being his business profits in respect of taxation made by R. J. Hardy of the Inland Revenue Department and confirmed by the Commissioner; another order of certiorari to quash a certificate given by the Commissioner of Inland Revenue to the effect that Weiss had defaulted in payment of tax amounting to $4,801.28 in respect of the year of assessment 1951-1952; and for an order of mandamus directing the Commissioner of Inland Revenue and/or Mr Hardy to reassess his business profits for these two years and in particular to allow the carry forward of a loss of $136,129.17 accepted by the Commissioner in the year 1949.

Weiss is represented by Mr Brook Bernacchi, instructed by Mr P D. Remedios, and Mr Rea is appearing for the Inland Revenue Department, assisted by Mr E. F. Gee.

NOT PROVED

Mr Rea said that Weiss had not proved that the Commissioner of Inland Revenue or the Assessor was acting without jurisdiction and therefore their acts could not be questioned.

Even preliminary facts could be determined by the Commissioner and could not be questioned by mandamus proceedings. If the argument was that the question of whether the loss was to be carried forward or not was a preliminary or a collateral matter which went to jurisdiction, then he submitted that the Assessor had power to determine that also, and having done so, his determination could not be questioned in the present proceedings, Mr Rea said.

He added that he did not admit that the point was a preliminary or collateral matter, but contended that it was a clear fact in issue.

RIGHT QUESTION

He cited authorities for his argument that if the Assessor directed his mind to the right question, then he was acting within jurisdiction and his further acts could not be questioned. In the present case the right question was whether there were any chargeable profits. Once the Assessor had decided that, he was directing his mind to the right question. In doing so he would also consider things like gross profits, lawful deductions and any losses to be carried forward, etc.

The only evidence before the Court was that Weiss said that the loss was accepted and the Commissioner said it was not. The Commissioner's assessment on the facts before him were nil.

Mr Rea said that the Commissioner's Assessment was final unless challenged under the provision of the Ordinance. If Weiss did not do that he could not make the present application.

Such orders could only be questioned if they were bad on their face. There was no suggestion that the Assessor was not properly appointed under the Ordinance or that he had no powers to assess. The Court should not go into the facts in such an application, Mr Rea said.

Hearing is proceeding.

Two Hurt In Traffic Mishaps

A young girl sustained head injuries at 6.00 p.m. yesterday when she was knocked down by a private car in Lockhart Road, Wanchai. The girl, Mok Po Chun, nine years of age, is now detained in hospital for treatment.

A man jumped off a moving lorry in Castle Peak Road, near the 7½-milestone at Tsun Wan, in order to retrieve his hat which had blown off. The man, Pang Sum, aged 30, of Hut No. 9, 3rd Section North, Lam Hop Village, Wong Tai Sin, was hurt as a result of the fall and was removed to hospital.

John Dell's 'On the Record' notes will appear tomorrow.

Moller's Trust Action: Court Dismisses Appeal

An appeal relating to the Mollers Trust was dismissed with costs by the Full Court comprising the Chief Justice, Mr Justice M. J. Hogan and the Acting Puisne Judge, Mr Justice J. Reynolds in a judgment delivered this morning.

The appeal was against the decision of Mr Justice J. R. Gregg dismissing an application by the appellants Eric Blechynden Moller, Ralph Blechynden-Moller and Lindsay Blechynden Moller.

Appellants were represented by Mr Oswald Cheung and Mr A. F. M. Berkeley (who was not present in Court this morning), instructed by Messrs Johnson, Stokes and Master.

First respondents were Christopher Blechynden Moller, Eric Moller (since deceased) and John McNeill, Queen's Counsel. Appearing on their behalf were the Hon. Leo d'Almada, QC, and Mr Leslie Wright, both instructed by Mr J. C. Stewart, of Stewart and Company.

Second respondents Nancy Rosalie Hamilton, Isabel Erica Feeney and the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, Hongkong (Trustee) Ltd., originally the the fourth, fifth and sixth defendants in the action were not in Court and were not represented by Counsel.

Their Lordships' judgment read in part:

"In the action from which this appeal arises the plaintiffs claim:—

"1.—That the trusts of a settlement dated September 2, 1946, and more fully described in their statement of claim should be carried into execution by the Court.

"2.—That a judicial trustee should be appointed the trustee of the settlement in place of the plaintiffs and of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd defendants.

"3.—That all necessary accounts and enquiries should be ordered.

"4.—That such directions should be given as to the Court should seem fit.

"5.—That if necessary a Receiver should be appointed.

"6.—That further or other relief should be granted.

"7.—Costs.

A CONTENTION

"The appellants contend that in reaching his decision the learned Judge acted under a misconception. The gist of their submission was stated by their counsel Mr Berkeley when he said—'If the defendants submit to all the relief claimed, there is no reason why they should admit that they have done anything wrong, nor is there any need for any decision that there has been an act of wilful default. This court is a court . . . to give relief not to decide questions of ethics, and if the defendants are prepared to submit to all the relief that is claimed, that is all the plaintiffs are entitled to and it becomes unnecessary then to go into the merits of the case at all.'

"He maintained that even if the learned Judge's decision was right in substance, it was given for the wrong reason, since it was a principle of British justice that the defendants can apply to the court for a stay at any time if they are prepared to submit to all the relief claimed and to pay all the costs down to date.

"Put briefly like that the question before us seems to be comparatively simple, and it would certainly be less difficult if it related, as the great majority of the reported cases relate, to a claim for immediate and limited relief, such as the payment of money or some other definite and finite action, the limits of which were clear and precise and the results of which could be plainly envisaged and finally stated at the time the judgment was pronounced.

"A SHORT CUT"

"In such circumstances the question whether a plaintiff is entitled to can receive a more ready answer than where we are asked not merely to give a judgment which will determine immediately and directly the rights of the parties to the proceedings but rather to pronounce a decision which will, as Mr Berkeley has pointed out, be little more than a starting point—a formula which will set in motion a train of events that will lead eventually and only after a number of other important steps have been taken, to the final determination of the parties' rights and interests. In effect we are being asked not so much for a stay of proceedings as to take a short cut which will bring us more rapidly to a point in the proceedings which could otherwise be reached only after the trouble and travail of a trial.

"In such circumstances it is more difficult to say whether the judgment now proposed does in fact give to the plaintiffs all that they could get if the action goes forward to trial.

"The plaintiffs contend that it does not, and in support of their contention their Counsel Mr d'Almada has referred to a number of cases, which indicate that before withholding relief by a stay of proceedings, the court must be absolutely satisfied that there are no prospects whatever of the plaintiff's securing such relief if the proceedings continue.

DECISION QUOTED

"It seems clear that, in deciding whether a stay should be ordered, regard must be had to the decision in Hennet v. Luard, given by Lord Langdale whose judgment in Sivell v. Abraham has already been quoted, that in seeking to determine the question whether a party is being offered just as much relief as he could hope to obtain if the suit proceeded, proper allowance must be made for the fact that he can, prior to judgment, amend his pleadings. If there is a possibility of such amendment, then an offer of all the relief claimed on the pleadings as they stand does not necessarily give the right to a stay of proceedings.

"Presumably there must be some reasonable grounds for contemplating an amendment at the time the motion comes on, since otherwise effect could scarcely be given to the second of the recognised exceptions mentioned by Lord Cairns. But that requirement would appear to be substantially satisfied in the present case where the plaintiffs have from the outset indicated their quest for further information and their expectation that on the receipt of such information it may be necessary to amend the pleadings or at least give further particulars.

COURTS' CAUTION

"The caution with which courts have approached requests to cut short proceedings where complicated issues arise is, we think, illustrated by the case of Heatley v. Newton.

"But implicit in that principal question is another subsidiary yet important query, is this road really a short-cut? Is it the most satisfactory way of resolving the disputes which have given rise to this action, or may it lead to our having to retrace later and possibly at greater cost ground which we must travel over at some time?

"In support of their argument that the lengthier route is more satisfactory the plaintiffs point out that on granting the prayer for the appointment of a judicial trustee it would be open to the court to give to that trustee directions under Section 63 Subsection 4 of the Trustee Ordinance Cap. 29 in regard to the trust or the administration thereof, but that if the court now takes the shorter route to that point, proposed by the defendants the court will not know whether any, and if so what, directions could properly be given to the judicial trustee on his appointment; nor, they say, can they help the court at this stage because they have not yet received from the defendants the information about the trust which they hope to obtain by way of discovery and interrogatories and possibly by the further elucidation that may emerge from the evidence which will be given at the trial on any points in issue.

"As a further criticism of the proposed short-cut and in support of their contention that a judgment at this juncture in the terms offered by the defendants, coupled with a stay of all proceedings other than those necessary for working out the judgment, will not give them all the relief or relief as good as they might obtain if the matter proceeded to trial, the respondents have developed two main arguments."

The arguments and replies by Counsel for the appellants were set out in the judgment.

COURT'S QUESTION

Continuing, the judgment read:

"Insofar as wilful default is concerned it seems clear that, once an account on this basis is ordered, a party can bring up instances not proved and established before the order was actually made, but is it right to deprive him of the opportunity to prove an instance of this kind at the trial rather than on taking the accounts if, for instance, he wants to establish such a matter at the trial for the purpose of obtaining a particular direction in regard to taking the accounts, or to the Trustees or for any other reason?

"As regards active breaches of trust, the case of Weighton v. Cook appears to be authority for the view that on taking an account in common or ordinary form a party cannot rely on breaches of trust not already alleged and proved at the trial. Would he then, when accounts are taken on the basis of wilful default, be precluded from relying on an active breach not already alleged and proved? For the purpose of this judgment it is not necessary to decide that question and in view of the importance it may assume in later stages of this case we will go no further than to say that in view of the distinction drawn by Warrington J. between wilful default and active breaches we are not satisfied that there is no danger of the plaintiffs being ulteriorly affected by taking a short cut in the proceedings, which deprives them of the opportunity, if they so wish, of alleging and proving an active breach of trust at the trial and before the commencement of taking the accounts.

"WE THINK NOT"

"Furthermore, even if on taking the accounts the plaintiffs should be entitled to raise, and to secure from an appropriate authority a decision on virtually all the matters which they can ventilate at a trial, is it right that we should deprive them of the opportunity of seeking from the court of trial itself directions as to the manner of taking such accounts, in the light of the information that could become available from discovery, interrogatories and evidence at the trial. Can we say that the plaintiffs will lose nothing if those directions are obtained at some stage after the taking of the accounts has begun rather than at their inception? We think not. Directions given at the inception may be more beneficial not only to the plaintiffs but to the beneficiaries as a whole, whether by way of saving costs or otherwise.

"Consequently it seems to us that the question as to whether these matters are better settled on taking the account than in the suit cannot, at this stage, be answered in the affirmative.

"For these reasons we think that the application should not be granted and the appeal is accordingly dismissed with costs."

Reservoirs Gain 20 Mill Gallons

In the 24-hour period ending at 8 o'clock this morning, the Colony's reservoirs gained 20 million gallons.

Total storage this morning was 1,363 million gallons. Consumption yesterday was 31 million gallons and the yield from streams and catchwaters 51 million gallons.

Rainfall registered by the Water Authority at Tytam was 1.3 inches, at Aberdeen 1.2 inches, at Pokfulam 0.91 of an inch and 0.24 of an inch at Shing Mun, in the New Territories.

Mrs Stratton Opens Hospital

Mrs Stratton, wife of the Commander of British Forces, Hongkong, Lt.-Gen. W. H. Stratton, opened a new Gurkha families, hospital at Whitfield Barracks, Kowloon, this morning.

This Hospital caters for 127 wives and 114 children of men of the 1st Battalion, 10th PMO Gurkha Rifles; 2nd Battalion, 7th Gurkha Rifles; and the Gurkha Signal Regiment who live at Whitfield Barracks. The Hospital, which has eight beds, is also equipped with the latest midwifery appliances.

Pickpockets In K'loon

Three cases of larceny from the person were reported to the Police in Kowloon yesterday. At 9.30 a.m. a pickpocket stole cash from a woman waiting at a bus stop in Argyle Street while cash was stolen from a woman in a bus between Tsim Sha Tsui and Tsimshatsui on about 5 p.m.

A wristwatch was snatched from a woman walking in Tonkin Street at 9.45 p.m. A suspect has been detained by the Police in connection with this offence.

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